

Submission 495 (Candice Adam-Medefind, Healthy House, September 14, 2011)

22 MS. ADAM-MEDEFIND: Good afternoon. My name is  
23 Candice Adam-Medefind and I'm the executive director of  
24 Healthy House which is a cultural literacy preservation  
25 project here in the Central Valley that focuses on health

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1 disparities in our multi-ethnic population.

2 I hope you are all aware that this is one of the  
3 most ethnically diverse areas in the entire country. We  
4 have, you know, some 80,000 plus Southeast Asians living  
5 in the Central Valley, the highest concentration in the  
6 country. We have a lot of Punjabi population in  
7 Livingston. There's a huge Hispanic population living in  
8 Planada and other immigrants and refugee groups.

9 And I bring this up because many of the  
10 wonderful, you know, things that high-speed rail has to  
11 offer the Valley is jobs, economic development, cleaner  
12 air, agricultural compatible plan, all the things that  
13 could be done to really make this a thriving area has to  
14 be done with involvement of these many communities. And I  
15 just want to encourage you to do that.

16 I also want to say that the population's very  
17 diverse cultural communities in the Valley have suffered  
18 disproportionately from the problems that high-speed rail  
19 in its best form with the best planning should be able to  
20 address. And those of course are unemployment. They  
21 suffered disproportionately adverse effects on  
22 agricultural economy. They suffer disproportionately  
23 property foreclosure rates, health disparities, my gosh,  
24 the diabetes and asthma rates that are linked to our  
25 geographically challenged air basin. They suffer

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Submission 495 (Candice Adam-Medefind, Healthy House, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 disproportionately from those and of course the  
2 transportation. Healthy House spends a lot of time  
3 helping these cultural groups with transportation  
4 challenges in the Valley. Many of them live in rural,  
5 isolated communities.

6 So with that said, I just want to encourage you  
7 to keep mindful of that, to continue to include them in  
8 the planning process, and to make sure that all of these  
9 rich cultural communities in the Valley can benefit from  
10 the wonderful promise of high-speed rail through that  
11 involvement.

15 MS. ADAM-MEDEFIND: I think it applies to all  
16 sections.

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## Response to Submission 495 (Candice Adam-Medefind, Healthy House, September 14, 2011)

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### **495-1**

See MF-Response-SOCIAL-7, MF-Response-AIR QUALITY-3 and MF-Response-GENERAL-17.

Submission 499 (Daniel Ainslie, City of Merced, September 14, 2011)

499-1

1 MR. AINSLIE: Sure. Daniel Ainslie in regards to  
2 both sections of the EIR. Good afternoon and welcome to  
3 the city of Merced.

4 We are very interested in enhancing the overall  
5 vitality of the entire San Joaquin Valley region at which  
6 we now know is going to be an integral part. We feel that  
7 if we continue to explore our options for high-speed rail  
8 and we look at the potential locations that we need in  
9 this facility and creating that synergy that's required to  
10 make a world-class transit system. We know that you will  
11 see the extreme value that will happen as you locate the  
12 transit near the University of California where its  
13 engineering students, continual number of interns, as well  
14 as grad students, as well as professors that would be  
15 excited to actually work in the facility and the  
16 operations of the entire high-speed rail system to greatly  
17 enhance the vitality.

18 And the city continues to be very supportive of  
19 alignment A-2. We know that will take up the least amount  
20 of valued agricultural land. There's a fair amount of --  
21 portion in our region here.

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22 And we are very concerned with many of the sites  
23 that have been studied for the heavy maintenance facility.  
24 We feel that, No. 1, you compare the Castle maintenance  
25 facility with several of the oversights. There has been

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1 some unfair costs that have been added to the Castle  
2 facility when you look at many of the tracks that will be  
3 required for any section of the high-speed rail that goes  
4 north of Merced. So including all the other costs, it  
5 does seem somewhat -- does not seem like that would  
6 necessarily be the best use of how you actually apply the  
7 costs.

8 But also if we can look at several sites that are  
9 throughout your study area, it's important to know that  
10 many of the sites take up prime agriculture land. It's  
11 important when you compare that to the Castle maintenance  
12 facility that the Castle maintenance facility is reputable  
13 and will be an environmental brownfield mediation.

14 So we really feel that as you weigh the potential  
15 sites for maintenance facility that you carefully study  
16 the overall environmental impacts for the maintenance  
17 facility.

18 Thank you very much, and once again welcome to  
19 Merced.



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## Response to Submission 499 (Daniel Ainslie, City of Merced, September 14, 2011)

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**499-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-4 and MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

**499-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-15.

Submission 494 (Mr. Aja, Operating Engineers Local 3 / North Valley Labor Federation,  
September 14, 2011)

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3 MR. AJA: My name is Mr. Aja, A-J-A, for your  
4 record. I'm the 39 member of Operating Engineers Local 3.  
5 I'm retired but I'm sort of semiretired working with an  
6 organization known as North Valley Labor Federation in the  
7 Central Valley. It's representing approximately 105,000  
8 labor union members and their families.  
9 I want to make a note that I appreciate being  
10 able to speak before a sistine body.  
11 Operating Engineers has always been on the  
12 forefront of technology and construction, and in fact one  
13 of the original members of High-Speed Rail Authority is  
14 one of our former business managers, Tom Stage. Our  
15 current business manager, Russ Burns, is a current member  
16 of the High-Speed Rail Authority.  
17 I'm speaking on behalf of not just any given  
18 segment being discussed today but rather the entire  
19 system.  
20 It is a huge opportunity for job growth  
21 estimated, and I'm sure quite accurately, at 660,000 jobs  
22 in the construction industry alone with an additional  
23 440,000 jobs for secondary and related jobs that would be  
24 created as a result of high-speed rail. This would be a  
25 huge boom to the state right now struggling to balance

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1 budgets and all phases of the public growth.  
2 Indeed, Operating Engineers and all the building  
3 industry were first feeling the effects of the collapse of  
4 the housing market and the downturn in our economy, and  
5 public agencies are just now beginning to feel the pain  
6 that we've been feeling since 2006 with a decline of our  
7 man-hours. And every municipality is fighting to balance  
8 budgets by laying off police officers, firefighters, and  
9 people in public works departments.  
10 This is a job stimulus that will benefit the  
11 entire state. I urge that this process move with the most  
12 expressed speed so that we can move this from a concept to  
13 a reality and put this state back to work and help  
14 everyone balance their budgets.  
15 Thank you very much.

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Response to Submission 494 (Mr. Aja, Operating Engineers Local 3 / North Valley Labor Federation, September 14, 2011)

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**494-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9 MF-Response-GENERAL-19.

Submission 323 (Adam Alvarez, September 14, 2011)

**HIGH SPEED RAIL COMMENT SHEET**

*Please complete and mail this sheet to the following address:*

*Attention: Supervisor John Pedrozo*

*County of Merced*

*2222 M Street*

*Merced, CA 95340*

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(IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) Address Town/City Zip Code  
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☒ Please check here if you would like me to notify you via email or mail of upcoming High Speed Rail public hearings or meetings for the next 12 months.

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Please check all that are applicable.

- ☒ I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE A-2 HIGH SPEED RAIL ROUTE ALTERNATIVE (UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD/HIGHWAY 99) AND AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE ALTERNATIVE.
- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.
- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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Please note that your comments provided on this sheet will be forwarded to the California High Speed Rail Authority for their public comment records.

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## Response to Submission 323 (Adam Alvarez, September 14, 2011)

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### **323-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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## Response to Submission 289 (David Alvernaz, September 14, 2011)

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### **289-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 325 (Allen Avalos, IBEW LU. 684, September 14, 2011)

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325-1 I understand that there will be a lot of environmental  
325-2 impacts when H.S.R. is built. But we as a community  
325-3 have to think of the future, think of the mental stability  
325-4 of the population. H.S.R. could truly reduce the amount  
of traffic fatalities in CA by reducing the amount of  
people commuting on the Freeways if that happens  
smog in CA will be reduced significantly. I am an  
electrician by trade and if there is no work were  
I live I have to commute I would be more willing  
to work further away from home and not be on un-  
employment if we can get H.S.R. going here in the Valley.  
I would also hope that the price of tickets for H.S.R. is  
affordable for everyone who needs to use it.



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## Response to Submission 325 (Allen Avalos, IBEW LU. 684, September 14, 2011)

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### **325-1**

MF-Response-TRAFFIC-3.

Trip reduction on SR 99 caused by shifts from automobile to HST is expected to result in a proportional decrease in automobile accidents.

### **325-2**

See MF-Response-AQ-3.

### **325-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

### **325-4**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-6.

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Attention: Supervisor John Pedrozo

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## Response to Submission 278 (Grant Baker, September 14, 2011)

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### **278-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 228 (Kimberly Barger, September 14, 2011)

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228-1

considering the HSR has spent more than  
\$ 630,000,000 to date on planning and the you guys have  
not figured out yet that you don't have enough money available  
to build and no bonds sold. to cut side investment  
Every man and woman's share of this bill in California  
will run \$3800 by default! If Farm land and  
infrastructure are more important to this  
economy what this rail  
California & the Feds are broke! So are the citizens &  
The jobs this is suppose to create will not go to locals  
they don't have the particular skills to make this happen

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so you will not source i.e. chinese building the bay  
Bridge!

228-3

This is going to be used  
This project is over budget!

228-4

Assuming that there are 30-million people living in  
California, the number they all each will have to pay \$665  
dollars to build the Fresno to Bakersfield section  
(19.5 Billion divided by 30 million)

According to CHSRA well well not be able to  
ride the train until the next section is funded &  
built

Once you get to your destination & what will you  
use to get around Taxi (money) walk, (get around)  
no Transportation to where you want to go more money  
not only will you spend more on the train you can't  
get around where you want to go!

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## Response to Submission 228 (Kimberly Barger, September 14, 2011)

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### **228-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-18.

### **228-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-4 and MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

### **228-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-18.

### **228-4**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-13. The Authority will coordinate with local jurisdictions on local transportation options at stations.

As ridership increases, it will create market demand for automobile rentals to be located in proximity to the stations. While the location of automobile rental areas is not known and cannot be known at this point in the design of the system, it is not unreasonable to assume that rentals will be available at some time in the future.

Submission 540 (Kim Barger, September 14, 2011)

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540-1

5 MS. BARGER: Hi. My name is Kim Barger. I am a  
6 resident here in Merced. I keep hearing everybody talk  
7 about jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs. My experience in this  
8 area here in Merced, going to city council meetings and  
9 seeing how local people were asked to participate, and  
10 finally the job was sent to somebody else outside the city  
11 to a big company.

12 This is my question. Are you going to be able to  
13 guarantee that the people who get these jobs are going to  
14 be local people? Are they going to be unions? Are they  
15 going to be independents?

16 I would really like to know who is going to get  
17 these jobs. From what I've seen, the local people don't  
18 have the skill or not part of a union or something else.  
19 They just want a job. And this big of a project, I don't  
20 see that happening. I'm seeing people coming from outside  
21 the state to get these jobs. Just like China is building  
22 one of our bridges in the Bay Area. So all this stuff  
23 about local jobs, I am very, very suspicious on.

24 Thank you.

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Response to Submission 540 (Kim Barger, September 14, 2011)

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**540-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-19.

Submission 258 (Jeanette Benson, September 14, 2011)

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I voted for the train. The train was built on existing  
corridors. Lines have changed drastically since  
the state legislation was voted on. To build the  
train will require federal dollars from a  
financially strapped if not broken country.  
Reviewing the plan alternatives and cost along  
with the <sup>various</sup> EIR component, evaluated, it  
is apparent it is more cost effective to build through  
the valley, destroying farmland and community  
where land is cheap or to acquire. There will  
be numerous lawsuits. I would rather have  
no train if it means staying from the original  
no vote of the people, at a cost that is astronomical.

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that will be stalled and delayed with costly  
lawsuits, and provide no guarantee of jobs  
for those of the legal environment  
California and the US are. But, this is  
not the answer.  
Stay on existing corridors!!!



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## Response to Submission 258 (Jeanette Benson, September 14, 2011)

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**258-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2 and MF-Response-GENERAL-18.

Submission 537 (Donald Bergman, Greater Merced Booster Club, September 14, 2011)

537-1

7 MR. BERGMAN: Good afternoon, members of the  
8 Authority. My name is Donald Bergman. I'm  
9 secretary-treasurer of the Greater Merced Booster Club.  
10 It's an organization of business people with a little over  
11 120 strong in the Merced County.  
12 We support the A-2 route. We have supported  
13 high-speed rail from the get-go.  
14 A couple of things I would like to cover. And I  
15 think it's so outstanding that we hear from these UC  
16 students because they are the futures for us. Not only  
17 for Merced, but for the entire nation. Our education has  
18 got to be increased.  
19 There was an article in the paper today, the  
20 Merced Sun Star today about poverty. Forty-six million  
21 people are living in poverty, it said. Well, I think most  
22 of them are here in the Valley. We are very poverty  
23 stricken and why is jobs. We need jobs desperately in  
24 Merced County and they need them in Kern County and they  
25 need them in Fresno County. The high-speed rail will

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1 bring jobs to our area.  
2 I've heard people say it's too expensive. It  
3 can't be built because it's going to cost way too much  
4 money. Hell, excuse me, the president's giving stimulus  
5 of more money than would be for that. A good two to three  
6 times. It's not about jobs. So let's put the money where  
7 it belongs to create jobs.  
8 Also, if you -- I'm sure you have all read this  
9 and know this. But when they built toll roads in Oklahoma  
10 and the various areas of the Midwest, people were out in  
11 flocks opposing it because we don't need those darn  
12 things. We have a two lane road right here. That's all  
13 we need. Pennsylvania Turnpike, same scenario. Nobody  
14 wants change that affects them.  
15 I want to say that's why we want A-2. That  
16 affects the least amount of farmers. We don't want to  
17 bother agriculture as much as we can. A lot of things in  
18 Merced come from the greater agriculture. You need to get  
19 your act together and make sure that route is right.  
20 But the Booster Club supports this and will  
21 support it in Merced County until the doggone thing is  
22 built.  
23 Thank you. And it's for everything.

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Response to Submission 537 (Donald Bergman, Greater Merced Booster Club, September 14, 2011)

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See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

**537-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

Submission 316 (Craig Blake, September 14, 2011)

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316-1 The LAWNDALE AVE. will have a serious issue if  
the Speed Rail comes into our area. This is a  
private area with concern that noise etc. will  
reduce the value of the property in this area.

316-2 Another direction for this Speed Rail should be  
considered since this prime farmland will be affected  
coming into our area. Please let us know why this  
area has been selected and how this can be changed.  
Thank you: CRAIG Blake.

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## Response to Submission 316 (Craig Blake, September 14, 2011)

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**316-1**

See MF-Response-SOCIAL-2.

**316-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2.

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## Response to Submission 234 (Lorraine Bocks, September 14, 2011)

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### **234-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 526 (Lee Booz, Greater High-Speed Rail Committee, September 14, 2011)

17 MR. BOOZ: My name is Lee Booz, and I've been a  
18 coach here for the Greater High-Speed Rail Committee since  
19 2003. So I've been around a long time. I would like to  
20 comment on this project again just to give you an idea of  
21 where the committee is coming from and just briefly for  
22 those of you who are new and especially Mr. Richard.  
23 The Greater High-Speed Rail Committee was formed  
24 by an amalgamation of elected officials, representatives  
25 from UC Merced, Congressman Cardoza's office, advocating

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1 for the aid to alternative as well as Castle for heavy  
2 maintenance facility as of -- since 2003.  
3 I believe the high-speed rail project has a great  
4 opportunity to do something fantastic for the Merced area  
5 with the only caveat being we strongly encourage -- you  
6 heard a lot of testimony today from our ag folks. And  
7 we're concerned because we believe we can have a perfect  
8 project but we all would like to see it come down existing  
9 transportation corridors. It would be easier for our  
10 friends in ag. It would be easier for our community. And  
11 we also think it would be less expensive.  
12 We studied the alternatives on A-1 when we were  
13 looking at it in the committee and there were some  
14 environmental pitfalls that could be detrimental to the  
15 project even taking off. And so as a supporter of the  
16 project, we feel strongly that you look at A-2.  
17 The second thing in that study or analysis was  
18 the -- there was some concern about how the high-speed  
19 rail was evaluated for the heavy maintenance facility  
20 specific to Castle. And we believe that the report that  
21 came out has some unnecessary costs, about 400 billion  
22 more than the other sites, because of the rail extensions  
23 that they are doing. And what we would ask at this point  
24 is that you keep all avenues open for the heavy  
25 maintenance facilities in all the areas. Again, it was

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1 said that no decision will be made for two to three years  
2 until a route is collected, and we encourage that.

3 The county of Merced and the city of Merced have  
4 got an existing high-speed rail 40. Has a way to get that  
5 track there that wouldn't be any cost to the Authority.  
6 We also have a black root plan that is no longer in  
7 existence that can take this over. We've got a lot of  
8 options. So the plan all is said and the cost to do the  
9 track and have a figure, and we just want to make sure  
10 that before you go further, do more studies. There's a  
11 lot of options. We encourage that.

12 The last thing I would like say is the Authority  
13 has been great on coming to this area and keeping  
14 everybody informed good, bad, or indifferent. They've  
15 been doing that. Dan Leavitt has been bugged by me many  
16 times, calling on his cell phone. He's always been  
17 responsive. Jeff has been the same way. And so they've  
18 been beat up but they have listened.

19 Now just again, we're just hoping that they  
20 listen on A-2 because I think it's the path of least  
21 resistance. I know you had some issues on UP, but I think  
22 in terms of support from our area, I see an overwhelming  
23 thumbs up if you follow the existing corridors.

24 Thank you very much.

25 MS. RANDELL: Thank you. And your comments are

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1 specific to Merced to Fresno?

2 MR. BOOZ: Yes, Merced to Fresno.

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## Response to Submission 526 (Lee Booz, Greater High-Speed Rail Committee, September 14, 2011)

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**526-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2, MF-Response-GENERAL-4, and MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

**526-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-20.

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## Response to Submission 211 (Miloin Bosnar, September 14, 2011)

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### **211-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 212 (Mark Bowden, IBEW LU. 684, September 14, 2011)

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212-1

I am in support of the H.S.R. system.  
lets get a plan together & lets move  
forward with. We are wasting to much  
time & money trying to get started.  
We need jobs, americans want  
to work they do not want hand outs,  
we want pay checks for our pride  
& dignaty.  
We need jobs, jobs creats tax  
dollars for our cities & state,  
We need jobs, jobs, jobs!!  
Please get the H.S.R. Started

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Response to Submission 212 (Mark Bowden, IBEW LU. 684, September 14, 2011)

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**212-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 503 (Mark Bowden, September 14, 2011)

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7 MR. BOWDEN: Hello. My name is Mark Bowden. I  
8 wanted to say I very much support the high-speed rail  
9 here. I don't want to repeat a lot of things that have  
10 been said already. I respect your time here.  
11 Some of the reasons that I am in support is the  
12 jobs of course. Not only the jobs that create building  
13 the high-speed rail but also jobs that would create  
14 building new structures and things along the corridor of  
15 the high-speed rail here.  
16 Also, I heard it said that once the high-speed  
17 rail is built it may not be used. I know they used that  
18 same excuse for the BART when they built the BART.  
19 There's been times when I went over to try to ride the  
20 BART and you can't even find a parking spot over there to  
21 use it. Most of the time it's standing room only.  
22 I'm in support of the high-speed rail and the  
23 jobs it will create. Thank you.  
24 MS. RANDELL: Your comments are applicable to  
25 which section, sir?

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1 MR. BOWDEN: Actually, Merced but both of them.  
2 Merced to Fresno.  
3 One more thing I would like to say since I have  
4 some time here. I am an apprentice director of the  
5 apprenticeship program here, and I would like to say that  
6 in 2010 our apprenticeship program has declined by about a  
7 third. So with new jobs coming in the area, it would  
8 increase our apprenticeship program and double our  
9 apprenticeship program with the size of the facility that  
10 we have also.  
11 Thank you for your time.

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Response to Submission 503 (Mark Bowden, September 14, 2011)

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**503-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.



Submission 237 (Lowell Glen Bradford, Bradford Farms, September 14, 2011)

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- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.
- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.

☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN. It splits our ag properties several places - we have deep well pumps and pipelines that will be separated.  
Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route. or destroyed.

I do not support wasting any money on the high speed rail. It's tremendously expensive and our country is nearly bankrupt. Also, it will operate at a loss every year. Americans are not getting back more than we put in on this project. Our politicians are letting our entire county down with their financial irresponsibility. This is not connecting Rome to Venice, and it will not be used by the average citizen.

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## Response to Submission 237 (Lowell Glen Bradford, Bradford Farms, September 14, 2011)

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### **237-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 326 (Audrey Bradford, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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I am against the A-1 High Speed Rail. It cuts  
through the middle of our country's farming  
land and will cause a lot of people to lose  
jobs. The money should be used to lower  
the National debt. Really a waste of Government's  
money. Bad management has got US in this  
debt now.

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## Response to Submission 326 (Audrey Bradford, September 14, 2011)

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### **326-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **326-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

Submission 262 (Jan Bradley, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

It is most likely to be  
cheaper as it seems the  
shortest route. The Grand Bypass  
makes no sense

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## Response to Submission 262 (Jan Bradley, September 14, 2011)

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### **262-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 513 (John Bramble, City of Merced, September 14, 2011)

23 MR. BRAMBLE: Good afternoon. I have to welcome  
24 you to the city of Merced. I'm a city manager for the  
25 City of Merced, and my comments really are about the

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1 system as well as some comments about the Merced to Fresno  
2 alignment.

3 First and foremost, we remain very positive, as I  
4 think you've heard from previous speakers, about the  
5 benefits of high-speed rail. We believe that this is the  
6 most cost efficient and the most financially strategic  
7 plan for intrastate travel in California. We believe that  
8 because it's an efficient system and it's a safe system  
9 and it -- and the route that we would like you to take  
10 which is A-2 is probably the most environmentally  
11 friendly.

12 We also believe that it's a wise decision because  
13 it's 50 percent of what the alternative would be in terms  
14 of trying to accomplish the same thing with air traffic  
15 and ground transportation and building additional freeway.  
16 That 50 percent cost is a huge number. We think it's a  
17 wise move.

18 We also believe, obviously as a city manager,  
19 that this is going to allow the two metropolitan areas to  
20 connect with the San Joaquin Valley. And the reason that  
21 we feel that's so important is because employers will then  
22 have the opportunity to bring their businesses and to help  
23 us diversify the economy of Central California so that  
24 jobs not only for the initial construction of this track  
25 occur, but jobs long-term so that these communities in the

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Submission 513 (John Bramble, City of Merced, September 14, 2011) - Continued

513-2

1 Central Valley can prosper, grow, and be a positive part  
2 of this state.

3 We, as I've already said, support alignment A-2.  
4 And we strongly feel that that's the most environmentally  
5 responsible alignment for this rail line.

513-3

6 And then last but not least and of course we have  
7 just one little nit. We're very concerned that the track  
8 between the Merced station to the BNSF rail alignment is  
9 considered to be a heavy maintenance facility track. As  
10 we understand that under phase two the high-speed rail  
11 will go to Sacramento. We believe that that is an  
12 alignment that will be the Sacramento line and not just  
13 for the heavy maintenance facility track. So we believe  
14 that Castle is actually being penalized for the additional  
15 track that will eventually be used for the entire  
16 high-speed rail system.

17 So what we would like to do is work with the  
18 high-speed rail staff as we have in the past in a very  
19 positive manner, look at the alternatives that have much  
20 less impact and much less cost.

21 Thank you very much.



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## Response to Submission 513 (John Bramble, City of Merced, September 14, 2011)

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**513-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

**513-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-19.

**513-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-20.

Submission 307 (Bill and Wendy Bright, September 14, 2011)

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307-2

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

We do not support any route that takes SJV farmland.  
We are not against the "rail" yet feel like it is being  
pushed upon us at a time when the state is broke.  
We have been to many meetings, have asked questions  
and have received NO answers - The meetings seem  
useless. Should A2 go thru - it will run thru my  
livingroom or I shall be able to throw stones at it.

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## Response to Submission 307 (Bill and Wendy Bright, September 14, 2011)

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### **307-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **307-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2 and MF-Response-GENERAL-4.

Submission 162 (William Brown, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

We Don't Need High speed rail  
in Le Grand. IT Won't Stop Here.  
keep it over where There is  
a large population. Use small  
Trains To connect With The High  
Speed Trains.

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## Response to Submission 162 (William Brown, September 14, 2011)

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### **162-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and MF-Response-GENERAL-2. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 163 (Wendell Brown, September 14, 2011)

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  - ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

There is no need to consider the A1 route, it would have  
a serious negative impact on farmland and the environment.

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## Response to Submission 163 (Wendell Brown, September 14, 2011)

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### **163-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 294 (Darrold Brummell, September 14, 2011)

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294-1

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

I do not support any route.  
I believe that the state should use  
the money to repair the roads. I also  
believe that no one will ride the high  
speed rail it will be too expensive. I also  
believe it will disrupt many lives & businesses and  
is a waste of money.

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## Response to Submission 294 (Darrold Brummell, September 14, 2011)

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### **294-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 238 (Laverne Caldeira, September 14, 2011)

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238-1

Proposition 1A November 4, 2008 was approved by the  
voters requires "To reduce impacts on communities and  
the environment, the alignment for the High Speed Train system  
shall follow existing transportation or utility corridors to the  
extent feasible and shall be financially viable."

A-1 Routes in MERCED County should not be considered  
and should be deleted due to the impact upon  
Agriculture - Food and Fiber Production - and should  
only be considered on Route A-2 THE Route  
of least impact.

Sam Caldeira 9-14-11

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## Response to Submission 238 (Laverne Caldeira, September 14, 2011)

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### **238-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. The Authority is responsible for balancing the requirements of Proposition 1A to both stay within existing corridors where feasible and yet minimize impacts on residents, natural areas, and agricultural areas. For example, because of the design requirements of the HST system, staying within existing corridors through some areas would require greater acquisition of homes and businesses and greater noise impacts than alignments that bypass those areas. The alternative alignments reflect that balance.

Submission 317 (Christina S. Cano, September 14, 2011)

Comment Period Extended to  
October 13, 2011

El periodo a hacer comentarios  
está prolongado hasta del  
13 de octubre de 2011



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Comment Card  
Tarjeta de Comentarios

**Merced to Fresno High-Speed Train Section**  
Draft Environmental Impact Report/  
Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) –  
**Public Hearings**  
September 2011

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Please submit your completed comment card at the  
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Por favor entregue su tarjeta al final de la reunión, o  
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The comment period on the Draft EIR/EIS begins  
August 15, 2011 and ends September 28, 2011.  
Comments received after 5:00 p.m. on **September  
28, 2011** will not be addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.

El periodo a hacer comentarios empieza a 15 de  
agosto y termina a 28 de septiembre. Comentarios  
recibidos después de 5:00 p.m. a **28 de septiembre**  
**no** se responderá en el EIR/EIS final.

Name/  
Nombre: Christina S. Cano

Organization/ I represent my street  
Organización: 14th in between Martin Luther  
King Jr. way

(Optional/Opcional)  
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317-1

My Concern is on my small block and the block behind  
me "Colony Ln.", ~~even~~ even if our house's are torn down,  
We will be affected by all the dust, "noise" "traffic"

317-2

on our block will increase my kids and many ~~other~~

317-3

Neighbors have kids with asthma with the dust will  
affect their health and our neighbor hoods are quiet  
not any crime, And when they finish, when people  
cant find parking they will be on our blocks taking  
our spaces there will be a possibility of crime which  
we don't have. Plus Vandalism we never have  
strangers on our block we feel safe with letting  
our kid play out side. and this will cause a possibility  
of our neighbor hoods to be unsafe.

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## Response to Submission 317 (Christina S. Cano, September 14, 2011)

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### **317-1**

See MF-Response-SOCIAL-4, MF-Response-AQ-3, MF-Response-NOISE-4 and MF-Response-TRAFFIC-1.

### **317-2**

See MF-Response-AQ-1.

### **317-3**

See MF-Response-Traffic-5.

Limits on parking in neighborhoods or business districts adjacent to stations will be the responsibility of the city within whose jurisdiction the station lies. Parking is expected to be developed over time in phases, as demand increases and will be responsive to development around the stations such as transit-oriented developments, as well as future expansion of local transit links at multi-modal stations, that may reduce actual demand. Section 2.5.3 Ridership and Station Area Parking in the EIR/EIS explains how the Authority will have a flexible approach to providing the necessary parking at stations

Submission 515 (Christina Cano, September 14, 2011)

24 MS. CANO: Hi. I live in the Merced area and  
25 mainly my block, 14th Street in between G and Martin

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1 Luther King --

2 MS. RANDELL: Can you state your name for the  
3 record?

4 MS. CANO: Christina Cano. And our concern is  
5 when you guys -- when you are building it, all the dust.  
6 A lot of the kids on our block have asthma. My kids have  
7 asthma and that's going to affect us with all the  
8 building, the dust, the noise. And when it's finished --  
9 it's a good idea to have high-speed rail and that, but  
10 then when there's no parking there, parking will come to  
11 our blocks. They are going to fill up our spaces and it's  
12 going to be more people in our neighborhood. Our two  
13 blocks, we don't hardly have crime at all. Our cars, we  
14 leave them unlocked. They will get broke into. And  
15 that's our main concern.

16 That's all.

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## Response to Submission 515 (Christina Cano, September 14, 2011)

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**515-1**

See MF-Response-AQ-1.

**515-2**

See MF-Response-SOCIAL-4.

Submission 308 (Benito S. Cantu Jr., September 14, 2011)

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308-1

Please check all that are applicable.

- ☒ I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE A-2 HIGH SPEED RAIL ROUTE ALTERNATIVE (UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD/HIGHWAY 99) AND AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE ALTERNATIVE.
- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.
- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
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308-2

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

I Strongly Support A-2 route because A-1 route would  
destroy the majority of the town of Le-Grand.  
This town would be destroyed along with 100 years of  
history. My neighbors and I have been living here for  
many years and we reject A-1 strongly. By staying  
with A-2, the City of Merced would benefit economically.

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## Response to Submission 308 (Benito S. Cantu Jr., September 14, 2011)

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### **308-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **308-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

Submission 528 (John Cardenas, Yosemite Gateway Railway Museum, September 14, 2011)

528-1

16 MR. CARDENAS: Good evening. My name is John  
17 Cardenas and I'm speaking on the Merced to Fresno area.  
18 I'm also the director of the Yosemite Gateway  
19 Railway Museum that we are trying to form here. You can  
20 tell I am an avid fan of railroads. In fact, if it wasn't  
21 for the Central Pacific, Merced would not be a city. We  
22 would still be Snelling. At this time we wouldn't be  
23 talking about a railroad if it was Snelling.  
24 What I would like to do is say that I believe  
25 that the corridor along 99 would probably be the best

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1 route as well as preserve the agricultural land. And I  
2 think that probably would be the best bet. And then if  
3 you have problems with the Union Pacific, I still think  
4 that corridor would be the best.

5 A little side note, maybe if you do situate  
6 stations somewhere, that maybe we can throw the museum  
7 inside there as well.

8 The history here in Merced. There were rail  
9 lines that originated here in 1906 called the Yosemite  
10 Valley Railroad that ran from Merced through Snelling. We  
11 actually have some railroad cars from that line that we're  
12 preserving and I think that may be someplace in the area  
13 there that would be a nice place to have these railcars  
14 displayed.

15 Thank you.

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Response to Submission 528 (John Cardenas, Yosemite Gateway Railway Museum, September 14, 2011)

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**528-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

Submission 519 (Mr. Carlisle, September 14, 2011)

12 MR. CARLISLE: Good evening and I welcome you to  
13 Merced. I appreciate the fact that you all are here and  
14 listening to us. I got my cheater notes so I will try to  
15 get through as much as I can in a few minutes.

16 First of all, I would like to bring out a  
17 reminder negative comment and that is that I'm also a  
18 member of the Greater Merced High-Speed Rail Committee and  
19 have been for some time and we have experienced a number  
20 of communication issues with the Authority. And hopefully  
21 -- we're working on those. Hopefully those can be  
22 rectified. I think communication is really important not  
23 only between the Authority and the various cities and  
24 counties and agencies involved but obviously with the  
25 public obviously.

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1 With that said, I will be commenting about No. 1  
2 earlier speakers who talked about the need for jobs here  
3 and obviously that's kind of the feeling. So jobs would  
4 be No. 1, I think.

5 I believe that a decision on the HMF is actually  
6 kind of premature because of the fact that you haven't  
7 settled on an alignment yet, and I don't feel that the  
8 Castle site has been adequately addressed either.

9 The Greater Merced High-Speed Rail Committee has  
10 offered up Castle -- or HMF facility possibility at Castle  
11 which is I think a very significant and important thing  
12 that seems to be somewhat overloaded at the present time.

13 Where as far as the Fresno to Bakersfield route,  
14 I'm really concerned about a loss not only in that route  
15 in the Merced area but in Le Grand, but the loss of -- the  
16 potential loss of our prime ag land. And that again is  
17 something that's very important to this Valley.

18 We're looking at some of the other issues.  
19 Fresno is going to be requiring a very substantial amount  
20 of elevated taxes as you all know is extremely expensive.

21 The HMF or proposed facilities in Fresno and  
22 Wasco would have very substantial impacts on minority  
23 level populations. That needs to be given a little bit  
24 more attention hopefully in the future.

25 And with that I'll stop. So thank you very much,

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Submission 519 (Mr. Carlisle, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 and welcome to Merced.

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## Response to Submission 519 (Mr. Carlisle, September 14, 2011)

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**519-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-19.

**519-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-15 and MF-Response-GENERAL-20.

**519-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-4.

Submission 213 (Margarita Carrillo, September 14, 2011)

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- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 213 (Margarita Carrillo, September 14, 2011)

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### **213-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.



Submission 239 (Lauriano Carrillo, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 239 (Lauriano Carrillo, September 14, 2011)

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### **239-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 309 (Bessie Castillo, September 14, 2011)

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309-1

Please check all that are applicable.

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

A2 It connects the bigger cities. Which is the way it should be, besides it is best to be near freeway, Any one with a brain should know Route A2-CUPRR/99 is the right route options and only right choice to make, I can't believe they would even consider another route at this time.

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## Response to Submission 309 (Bessie Castillo, September 14, 2011)

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### **309-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 514 (Alvin Cha, September 14, 2011)

25 MR. CHA: Hi. My name is Alvin Cha. And I

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514-1

1 represent students who live on campus at UC Merced. And  
2 so every year I am the resident assistant and every year I  
3 see students go home and come to campus, whether it's for  
4 winter break, for Christmas, for Thanksgiving, or when  
5 they go home. It takes about four or five hours, six or  
6 seven hours to get home sometimes. And with the  
7 California high-speed rail it can cut the time in half or  
8 less. Maybe two hours.

9 As a senior who is getting ready to graduate, I  
10 say build the California High-Speed Rail. Give us some  
11 jobs that we can do when we graduate. I'm even more  
12 afraid to graduate than I am afraid to be up here right  
13 now. As you can see, I'm shaking. I'm real afraid to  
14 graduate because the economy is in a slump and I'm looking  
15 for a job that where can I get it? Here it is. The  
16 California High-Speed Rail.

17 So in conclusion, build a high-speed rail. Build  
18 for the future. Thank you.

19 MS. RANDELL: Your comments apply to which  
20 sections?

21 MR. CHA: It applies to both.

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## Response to Submission 514 (Alvin Cha, September 14, 2011)

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**514-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 290 (Don and Dolares Clinton, September 14, 2011)

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290-1

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 290 (Don and Dolares Clinton, September 14, 2011)

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### **290-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.



Submission 310 (Barbara Conley, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 310 (Barbara Conley, September 14, 2011)

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### **310-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 295 (Daniel L. Contreras, September 14, 2011)

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295-1

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

IF YOU WANT A FAST & SAFER ROUTE  
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY. (A-2)  
THE OTHER (A-1) IS TOO RADICAL AND FULL  
OF DESPERATE TURNS - EATING UP TIME  
FROM LAND DISRUPTING MANY HOMES & PEOPLE

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## Response to Submission 295 (Daniel L. Contreras, September 14, 2011)

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### **295-1**

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Submission 161 (William Costa Jr, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☐ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 161 (William Costa Jr, September 14, 2011)

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### **161-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 209 (Nancy and Robert Cromie, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

209-1

I am against having any  
high speed rail in California.  
How can you keep even  
think of spending money we  
don't have — we are already  
in the red —

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## Response to Submission 209 (Nancy and Robert Cromie, September 14, 2011)

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### **209-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.



Submission 488 (DeeDee D'Adamo (on behalf of Congressman Cardoza), 18th Congressional District, September 14, 2011)

16 MS. D'ADAMO: Thank you. My name is DeeDee  
17 D'Adamo for Congressman Dennis Cardoza. Good afternoon  
18 and thank you for the opportunity to appear before you  
19 today and with special thanks to Mr. Richard for taking  
20 his time here and of course to FRA as well.  
21 The congressman will be submitting formal written  
22 comments, but I just wanted to on his behalf welcome you  
23 all to the 18th Congressional District and also provide  
24 some very general comments.  
25 First of all, the congressman is in very much

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1 support of this project and has been since day one. He  
2 worked on it when he was in the state legislature and  
3 worked hard to obtain federal transportation and stimulus  
4 fund dollars for the California projects.

5 I think it's important to note that there have  
6 been some mishaps and he hasn't been thrilled with the way  
7 the process has been going every step of the way.  
8 Nonetheless, he does support the project, and he  
9 appreciates the Authority moving forward with this project  
10 and listening to the concerns of his constituents in the  
11 Valley. But more needs to be done. So I just want to  
12 point out a couple of areas where he will be commenting in  
13 more specific detail.

14 First of all, with respect to agricultural  
15 impacts, he thinks the best way to avoid those impacts is  
16 to do what's required by the project anyway and that is to  
17 use existing transportation corridors. In particular  
18 along the 99 corridor. He prefers A-2 or something  
19 similar to A-2 and definitely opposes A-1.

20 We know from our experience in getting UC Merced  
21 permitted out there on the east side of our congressional  
22 district some of the significant environmental challenges  
23 with that region of the Valley, so that's another reason  
24 to stay away from A-1.

25 The other point that he will be making is that

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Submission 488 (DeeDee D'Adamo (on behalf of Congressman Cardoza), 18th Congressional District, September 14, 2011) - Continued

488-2

1 this project of course is important to connect us to the  
2 rest of the state. It's important that we have  
3 transportation and economic opportunities with our friends  
4 in Southern California and in the Bay Area, and this is  
5 the best way to connect us to the rest of the state.

6 But he also wants this project because of jobs  
7 which is why the stimulus dollars have that important  
8 deadline.

9 So hand in hand we need to have a station. We  
10 appreciate the development of the Merced station and ask  
11 to move forward with design and construction of the Merced  
12 station.

13 And then with respect to the heavy maintenance  
14 facility, we think it's premature to have a decision made  
15 at this point. The backbone of the system really does  
16 need to be built, and once the backbone is built, the  
17 backbone will be more appropriate to analyze the heavy  
18 maintenance facility site.

19 So we think it's a little premature to do that  
20 and the analysis is not thorough enough and we're not  
21 there yet. So we ask you to hold off on the heavy  
22 maintenance facility decision making and have a more  
23 thorough analysis at the appropriate time.

24 With that I think I've covered all points, and  
25 again, we look forward to providing you more detailed

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1 comments at another time. I will stay here for most of  
2 the hearing and also want to just extend to any of our  
3 constituents that are here beyond our district, our door  
4 is open. We'll be needing a lot of stakeholders, and I'll  
5 be listening and taking notes. But again, happy to meet  
6 with anyone that's interested in doing so. Thank you.

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Response to Submission 488 (DeeDee D'Adamo (on behalf of Congressman Cardoza), 18th  
Congressional District, September 14, 2011)

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**488-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9

**488-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2 and MF-Response-GENERAL-15.

Submission 318 (Christine Davis, September 14, 2011)

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- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☐ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

The A2 route just makes better sense, speed-wise  
& construction wise.

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## Response to Submission 318 (Christine Davis, September 14, 2011)

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### **318-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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## Response to Submission 264 (Edward De Jager, September 14, 2011)

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### **264-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and See MF-Response-GENERAL-4. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 187 (Richard DeBush, September 14, 2011)

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187-1

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 187 (Richard DeBush, September 14, 2011)

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### **187-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 197 (Steve and Sandy Del Real, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

First of all we don't support either.  
CALIFORNIA IS BROKE! We don't  
need high speed rail. In support  
of A-2 we don't want noise  
pollution in Le Grand. Lastly,  
we are already raping the valuable  
farmland leave Le Grand Alone!

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## Response to Submission 197 (Steve and Sandy Del Real, September 14, 2011)

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### **197-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 328 (Alice Diaz, September 14, 2011)

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328-1

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- ☐ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 328 (Alice Diaz, September 14, 2011)

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### **328-1**

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Submission 524 (Anthony Dilloee, September 14, 2011)

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524-1

4 MR. DILLOEE: My name is Anthony Dilloee. I  
5 attend UC Merced. I support high-speed railroad. The  
6 fact is that it would be a lot more easier with  
7 transportation having direct from Merced to LA because gas  
8 prices are actually increasing.  
9 And that's one of the reasons why I support  
10 high-speed rail.  
11 MS. RANDELL: Thank you. And do your comments  
12 apply to the Merced to Fresno?  
13 MR. DILLOEE: Yes.

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Response to Submission 524 (Anthony Dilloee, September 14, 2011)

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**524-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 272 (Frederick Drayer, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

I Am Against all High Speed Rail. It is a waste of money and time and won't work.  
I am in Kelsey Area

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## Response to Submission 272 (Frederick Drayer, September 14, 2011)

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### **272-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **272-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

Submission 523 (Sean Duffy, September 14, 2011)

523-1

12 MR. DUFFY: Hello, my name is Sean Duffy. I'm a  
13 student at UC Merced, and I support the high-speed rail.  
14 I know that a lot of my friends, many, many people that I  
15 know at the school come from all over the state, from out  
16 of state. But from the people that come from all across  
17 the state, it would benefit them the most. Benefit a lot  
18 of people be allowed to come to UC Merced because it would  
19 be easier to transport and travel across the state.

20 I think it would be very beneficial for jobs for  
21 people who live in Merced to be able to work in the City,  
22 San Francisco or LA, and I support the high-speed rail.

23 Thank you.

24 MS. RANDELL: And you are speaking on the Merced  
25 to Fresno?

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1 MR. DUFFY: I wrote Merced, but both.

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## Response to Submission 523 (Sean Duffy, September 14, 2011)

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**523-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 509 (Tovany Duran, September 14, 2011)

509-1

6 MR. DURAN: My name is Tovany Duran and I'm a  
7 homeowner in the area. I live on Hahn Lane. And I was  
8 looking at a map over there and I was seeing you guys are  
9 going to build the parking lot for your guy's station  
10 right in front of my house. And I don't know if you guys  
11 have been there, but as soon as you hit it evening time,  
12 there's a bunch of kids running out, playing, little kids.  
13 And it has an affect because there's going to be people  
14 walking down this whole neighborhood and we don't know who  
15 they are. We hardly have any strangers coming around.  
16 Also putting a parking lot there, that's going to  
17 bring vandalism. We could leave our cars unlocked,  
18 windows down, even our houses could be unlocked too. We  
19 don't have to worry about anything. But that around,  
20 that's going to bring the people that we don't know that  
21 come into our house.  
22 Also the parking lot which is closer to that, in  
23 that area we have kids that have asthma. A lot of kids  
24 around here have asthma. That's also going to affect them  
25 and that's bad for their health. I mean I was against --

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509-2

1 I'm not telling you guys what to do. I'm suggesting that  
2 you guys try to move the parking lot to another area where  
3 it won't affect us that bad.  
4 Or if you buy the houses because at least what we  
5 owe, who paid 90, a hundred thousand dollars for their  
6 houses, they never graduated. Fair value they are about  
7 40,000 right now, so that's not -- we got a debt of 50 or  
8 more -- 50,000 or more dollars. So pay us. Then you have  
9 the whole area to expand from Hahn Lane all the way to the  
10 freeway. So there will be more parking lot or whatever  
11 you guys want to use it for.  
12 And that's all I have to tell you guys so far.  
13 MS. RANDELL: Thank you. And your comments  
14 pertain to the Merced to Fresno section?  
15 MR. DURAN: Yeah. Merced to Fresno section.

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## Response to Submission 509 (Tovany Duran, September 14, 2011)

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### **509-1**

See MF-Response-SOCIAL-4, MF-Response-AQ-6, and MF-Response-SOCIAL-1.

### **509-2**

See MF-Response-SOCIAL-1.

Submission 280 (George Eason, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

It makes no sense to move off the 99  
corridor

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## Response to Submission 280 (George Eason, September 14, 2011)

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### **280-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 498 (Clifford Eastman, September 14, 2011)

498-1

4 MR. EASTMAN: Hi. My name is Clifford Eastman  
5 and I work with vocational training. When I first came  
6 here -- when I first came here I asked the representative  
7 back there about this project, and I told her that it  
8 didn't make sense if you were going to stop here in the  
9 city of Merced rather than the county of Merced.

10 And my point -- my point is this. If this is  
11 going to be -- and I'm speaking from a laborer who works  
12 engineering and develops construction. If this -- if this  
13 is going to be the birthplace of high-speed rail, it  
14 starts down here in Bakersfield with a population of  
15 400,000. It hits Fresno with a population of 500,000.  
16 Then it stops in Merced or Merced County or the Merced  
17 area which should include Merced, a hundred thousand,  
18 Turlock, a hundred thousand, and Modesto 150,000, 350,000.

19 This is going to be the birthplace of high-speed  
20 rail. It's got to have a point and got to have an origin.  
21 It's got to have a reason from going to Bakersfield to  
22 Merced or the Merced district. If this is going to  
23 develop high-speed rail for California and if this is  
24 going to develop agriculture for the San Joaquin Valley  
25 which is ranked No. 1 in the world, okay, there's got to

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1 be landscaped directions. It's not to be set on the side  
2 of the Valley that is -- that is not a purpose that's set  
3 aside for anything. All of these things got to be  
4 considered.

5 Excuse me, but it seems as though you guys set up  
6 this meeting in Merced old school when we should be  
7 thinking about 2125, the year, and we're thinking about  
8 Merced where the station here should be a little bit  
9 further than the road. I asked the lady: How far -- I'm  
10 running out of time. I asked the lady: How far is this  
11 going to run? She said 250 miles. How fast are we going?  
12 250 miles. Whoa, wait a minute. Something don't add up  
13 here. Fresno to Merced or Fresno to a place further on  
14 down the line. Those stations mean a lot. Because you  
15 got to have a point of origin. You got to have a reason  
16 for leaving and a reason for going. Thank you.

20 MR. EASTMAN: I'm talking about the No. 1  
21 agriculture land in the world.



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Response to Submission 498 (Clifford Eastman, September 14, 2011)

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**498-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2.

Submission 260 (John Farnsworth, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.
- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 260 (John Farnsworth, September 14, 2011)

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### **260-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 184 (Rick and Mary Ferney, September 14, 2011)

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- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.
- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☐ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

184-1

Comments seem to be no  
No high speed rail  
Many cars on the highway & roads  
which are in need of repair  
and the new rail will be able  
to take in this rail it makes no  
sense. There is a lot of no rail who will  
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## Response to Submission 184 (Rick and Mary Ferney, September 14, 2011)

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### **184-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 530 (Jaquelyn Flanagan, September 14, 2011)

1           Jacquelyn, it looks like you're speaking on the  
2 Merced to Fresno section?

3           MS. FLANAGAN: Yes. Jacquelyn Flanagan,  
4 Chowchilla.

5           Although I believe in the high-speed rail, it's  
6 very important to California and the nation. I do believe  
7 that California High-Speed Rail Authority needs to do a  
8 better comprehensive study in the rural areas. I have  
9 read all my 2,000 pages of the Merced to Fresno but I have  
10 reviewed a number of the pages that mention the areas  
11 around Chowchilla and Madera.

12           Being a rural resident and a farmer, I wish to  
13 take issue with the comments that there are no significant  
14 impacts in the rural areas in the Draft EIR/EIS between  
15 the Merced and Fresno area. An example is that report was  
16 done on the rural roads which states there is no  
17 significant impact even though this study was done in  
18 November. I believe that high-speed rail should do a  
19 rural transportation study because harvest is in full  
20 bloom in our county, Merced, Madera, and Fresno.

21           I am opposed to the A-2 route and the West  
22 Chowchilla alignment because I believe that there are a  
23 number of significant impacts even though the Draft EIR  
24 says that in our area there is little or no significant  
25 impacts.

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1           The A-2 and the Chowchilla alignment causes  
2 hammered future growth for our area. And since I shop and  
3 work in that area, transportation around the community  
4 will be difficult to get in and out.

5           Since Madera County is receiving little or few  
6 impacts according to Draft EIR because we have tracks in  
7 the north and south and the east and west, I feel that the  
8 Rail Authority should give higher consideration to  
9 maintenance facility in our county to help us mitigate  
10 some of the impacts.

11           Thank you.

530-1

530-2

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## Response to Submission 530 (Jaquelyn Flanagan, September 14, 2011)

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### **530-1**

The traffic count data presented in the DEIR was compared with traffic counts presented in the Madera County Traffic Monitoring Program (that conducts traffic counts at different times of the year) and found to be generally consistent. Moreover, in addition to the traffic counts, other factors such as additional travel due to road closures were used in the evaluation

### **530-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

### **530-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-15.

Submission 205 (Olivia Flores, September 14, 2011)

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☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.

205-1 ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.

205-2 ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

205-3 We need more Farmland than  
205-4 speedrail in this Valley and we  
also need more water than speed-  
rail. We can't eat or drink speed-  
rail. We have to think of our  
next generation what are they going  
to eat and drink? Our wells are going dry!  
Please note that your comments provided on this sheet will be forwarded to the California High Speed Rail Authority for their public comment records.  
we need to spend our money on making  
dams to save our water!



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## Response to Submission 205 (Olivia Flores, September 14, 2011)

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### **205-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **205-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

### **205-3**

See MF-Response-AGRICULTURE-1.

### **205-4**

See MF-Response-WATER-4.

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## Response to Submission 203 (Pablo Flores, September 14, 2011)

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### **203-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and MF-Response-S&S-4. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 492 (Jack Gallagher, September 14, 2011)

492-1

1 MR. GALLAGHER: Good afternoon. My name is Jack  
2 Gallagher and I'm a taxpayer in the State of California  
3 and in Merced County and also the United States. I  
4 question the merit of this whole project, and I address  
5 concern not only to the Merced to Fresno but the project  
6 as a whole.

7 And I can understand the impetus right now to  
8 create jobs, to form work, to generate stimulus, if you  
9 will, but I trust the integrity of the information that  
10 we're being provided concerning the ultimate benefit that  
11 this project will provide to the people as designed or  
12 supposedly designed to serve.

13 I look at the history of rail service in the  
14 United States and in the world for that matter, and I fail  
15 to see where traffic -- passenger traffic has been  
16 economically viable and successful anywhere in the United  
17 States. There may be some instances, but I fail to see  
18 them. All of the major lines that I have -- that I am  
19 familiar with have shifted over to freight and delegated  
20 or relegated passenger traffic to government-subsidized  
21 rail service, Amtrak. And we know what kind of record  
22 they are maintaining.

23 At this juncture I do not see the merit of  
24 high-speed rail in the corridor of the State of  
25 California, especially when you plan to have stops every

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1 50 miles or so. It seems to me that that defeats the  
2 purpose of high-speed rail's intent from the get-go.

3 I can appreciate the need for and receiving of  
4 jobs, but I feel that this project is a very misguided  
5 attempt at putting a Band-Aid on a bleeding artery, our  
6 economy.

7 For that I will thank you very much for you  
8 providing me with the opportunity to address you.

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Response to Submission 492 (Jack Gallagher, September 14, 2011)

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**492-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

Submission 198 (Sharon Gallaway, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☐ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

Actually I am opposed to High Speed Rail entirely. Fill up the Amtrack and I might reconsider my position. Too bad that the states who gave up federal funding are smarter than California!!

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## Response to Submission 198 (Sharon Gallaway, September 14, 2011)

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### **198-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 542 (Lori Gallo, September 14, 2011)

21 MS. GALLO: Good evening. My comments pertain to  
22 all areas.  
23 MS. RANDELL: Can you state your name?  
24 MS. GALLO: My name is Lori Gallo, and my husband  
25 and his family have been longtime farmers here in

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1 California. And I'm not speaking for him tonight. I'm  
2 speaking for myself.  
3 I would like to say that I support alternative  
4 A-2 with the city of Merced to the Madera County line. It  
5 maintains the fewest affects on farmland, the environment,  
6 and our communities. And my husband, he does feel the  
7 same way about that.  
8 It's important to address the Valley's air  
9 quality problems caused by traffic so the burden of  
10 mitigation does not fall on our farmers and the food  
11 processing industries.  
12 Thank you.



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## Response to Submission 542 (Lori Gallo, September 14, 2011)

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### **542-1**

Operation of the project is expected to have a net regional emission decrease, therefore, will result in air quality benefits. Construction emissions would be temporary and cease once the construction phase is completed. Refer to Section 3.3.5 for details on air quality impacts.

Mitigation measures proposed for the HST construction will be committed and implemented by the project. No mitigation burden goes to the industries and residents in the area.

Submission 330 (Albort Gedrimas, September 14, 2011)

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330-1

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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Response to Submission 330 (Albort Gedrimas, September 14, 2011)

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**330-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

Submission 210 (Maria and Mario Giampaoli, September 14, 2011)

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210-1

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

210-2

I do not like the way you do  
business, and will confront you in  
a legal way when ever possible  
by strongly supporting the restoration  
act. I-5 is my favorite route.

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## Response to Submission 210 (Maria and Mario Giampaoli, September 14, 2011)

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### **210-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **210-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2.

Submission 277 (Gary and Julie Giampaoli, September 14, 2011)

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277-1

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- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

I do not support the high speed rail at all, however, it should be set up near a major transportation system. It is upsetting to know that a route was considered that would completely dismantle two towns that many people would be displaced and farmland disrupted and paved over!! What A SHAME!!

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The more farmland is paved over consider eating pavement when the food supply runs out ->

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or pay high prices for imported food and know less of where your food comes from.  
3rd generation farming of 75 years plus.

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## Response to Submission 277 (Gary and Julie Giampaoli, September 14, 2011)

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### 277-1

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 291 (David and Josephine Giampaoli, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

We are against all of it  
But A2 is the least  
of all Evil!!

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## Response to Submission 291 (David and Josephine Giampaoli, September 14, 2011)

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### **291-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 527 (Maria Giampaoli, September 14, 2011)

527-1

9 MS. GIAMPAOLI: Maria Giampaoli. Our business in  
10 Le Grand is 80 years old. Family orientated, started  
11 there. And we also have land and the business in general  
12 day because of the Santa Fe highway route through Le  
13 Grand. Our land provides income to a large population of  
14 Planada, Le Grand. Economically we will be impacted by  
15 the loss of agriculture, jobs, land values, farming  
16 financing. Environmentally we will suffer the loss of  
17 water, noise, urbanization. We are also on an earthquake  
18 fault and we have a lot around us.  
19 Socially we will be affected by the loss of  
20 history of our time and our way of life. The  
21 boysenberries all propagated on the route they want to  
22 take. It will change our school environment and increase  
23 financial budget for our school.  
24 The Santa Fe Route will delay emergency response  
25 and close important roads for the people and students of

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1 Planada, Le Grand, where the city high school is located.  
2 Le Grand High coming into it.  
3 Legally the comment period is inadequate for the  
4 size of the project. And we have a state county law right  
5 to farm, so I hope you are all aware of that.  
6 It will cause chaos to the now quiet peaceful  
7 farming community. This is not what I interpreted when I  
8 went to the polls to vote for the high-speed train.  
9 Thank you.  
10 MS. RANDELL: Does your comment pertain to the  
11 Merced to Fresno segment?  
12 MS. GIAMPAOLI: Yes. Through Le Grand. So  
13 between.

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Response to Submission 527 (Maria Giampaoli, September 14, 2011)

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**527-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

Submission 311 (Blair Gladwin, Passion Fruit Farms, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

disrupts the least amount of pre-  
existing homesites, farm parcels, road-  
ways and existing businesses.

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## Response to Submission 311 (Blair Gladwin, Passion Fruit Farms, September 14, 2011)

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### **311-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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## Response to Submission 320 (Conrad Gloria, September 14, 2011)

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### **320-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 208 (Neil Gonella, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

208-1

I am strongly against the High Speed Rail. We should NOT be wasting huge amounts of money especially when California doesn't have any money to ever complete it.  
Another BIG Waste of time & money

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## Response to Submission 208 (Neil Gonella, September 14, 2011)

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### **208-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 506 (Adam Gray, September 14, 2011)

506-1

13 MR. GRAY: Good afternoon. My name is Adam Gray.  
14 I'm a resident here in Merced and a small business owner.  
15 My family ran a feed store and a dairy equipment sales  
16 company here in the Merced area for many, many years.  
17 And I wanted to make two comments today. First  
18 and foremost is, which you have heard a lot about, just  
19 the devastating economic situation we're looking at. Not  
20 only here in Merced County, but throughout the entire  
21 Central Valley. This project is to have a tremendous  
22 impact on jobs. We're looking at, you know, depression  
23 level unemployment figures in some of our smaller  
24 communities over the last couple of years. I think the  
25 investment of high-speed rail in this area is going to

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1 provide us not just here, but long-term economic  
2 opportunities that we desperately need.  
3 The community tried for many, many years to get  
4 the UC Merced built here which originally was five, six  
5 years ago. And the thought behind that, not only give our  
6 kids here in the Valley the opportunity to go to school  
7 locally, but to get the economic stimulus that comes from  
8 putting in a university in the community and bringing in a  
9 diversified economy from that.  
10 We've come a long way because now we've got  
11 students that are graduating and starting businesses right  
12 here in our community. I think having connected at this  
13 time with high-speed rail will bring to us the rest of the  
14 state, the rest of the world. Really the next step in  
15 moving down that line.

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16 The second comment I want to make is just about  
17 ag economy. We've had -- as we've looked for new economic  
18 opportunities, I don't think any of us wanted to see the  
19 existing -- the backbone of our economy which is  
20 agriculture damaged in any way. So I think it's important  
21 that kind of the consensus, the opinion in Merced and  
22 throughout the Valley, we look at grounds at the A-2 route  
23 that goes along the existing transportation corridors.  
24 I said we don't want to prosper through the  
25 high-speed rail with new opportunity and at the same time

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Submission 506 (Adam Gray, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 hurt what's been the backbone for many, many generations.  
2 So thank you for your time.  
3 MS. RANDELL: And your comments apply to which  
4 section?  
5 MR. GRAY: Both sections.

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## Response to Submission 506 (Adam Gray, September 14, 2011)

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### **506-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

### **506-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-4.

Submission 511 (David Gray, Democrats at UC Merced, September 14, 2011)

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4           Mr. Gray, it looks like you are speaking on both  
5 sections?

6           MR. GRAY: Yes, I will. My name is David Gray.  
7 I am a student -- I'm a student at UC Merced and I am here  
8 to represent the democrats at UC Merced. I am in favor of  
9 this high-speed rail project not just from Merced to  
10 Fresno but throughout the entire Central Valley.

11           I've lived here almost my entire life and I have  
12 seen so many people out of work. I have seen families  
13 struggling to survive. This high-speed rail project could  
14 bring in a lot of jobs. It could bring in a lot of -- you  
15 know it could help easily transport goods throughout the  
16 Valley where our main -- where we basically have a lot of  
17 agriculture that needs to be delivered.

18           It will be very efficient and this is something  
19 that I very strongly support. Thank you for your time.

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Response to Submission 511 (David Gray, Democrats at UC Merced, September 14, 2011)

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**511-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 298 (David Green, September 14, 2011)

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## Response to Submission 298 (David Green, September 14, 2011)

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### **298-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.



Submission 202 (Philip Grigsby, September 14, 2011)

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I am against the stop, stupid High Speed  
Rail System.  
How many of you that want it are going to  
ride it. There won't be enough people to ride  
it that will pay for itself.

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## Response to Submission 202 (Philip Grigsby, September 14, 2011)

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### **202-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 487 (Dipu Gupta, University of California at Merced, September 14, 2011)

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13 MR. GUPTA: So I'm from the University of  
14 California of Merced. I'm on the faculty of Merced --  
  
16 MR. GUPTA: Dipu Gupta. And when they asked me  
17 to come here, I thought that's a lot of pressure to  
18 actually come and speak with an audience and speak to the  
19 members of the public. And I have only three minutes of  
20 lecture time, so even more pressure. I'm used to speaking  
21 one-hour blocks, and everybody has to pay extra. But I'll  
22 try to keep it really brief.  
23 Our message today is by the developments -- the  
24 government development agency and the UC, myself, and  
25 faculty members. They support high-speed rail. We always

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1 support it. And it's actually a critical component as we  
2 think of long-term government of the University of  
3 California. Not just UC Merced, but actually the system.  
4 And it struck this department of thinking of a few issues.  
5 Although we are completely different things  
6 technically, we're actually very similar things in terms  
7 of infrastructure. And when you think about some of the  
8 things that made California great, when you go anywhere in  
9 the world you say you're from California, almost anywhere  
10 in California, people's eyes pop. And it's because -- one  
11 reason is because of the commitment of infrastructure that  
12 has been the UC system, and I think now will be the  
13 high-speed rail.  
14 We've had other commitments, the highway, the  
15 original rail segments. Good infrastructure -- as we  
16 know, good infrastructure lasts longer and pays back  
17 many, many folds.  
18 So we welcome the work. We're grateful for your  
19 time, and we're looking forward to the speed train.

22 MR. GUPTA: This is for the entire system.

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Response to Submission 487 (Dipu Gupta, University of California at Merced, September 14, 2011)

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**487-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 539 (Hibal Halabi, Democrats of UC Merced, September 14, 2011)

19 MR. HALABI: Hello. My name is Hibal Halabi,  
20 president of Democrats of UC Merced. I've been in Merced  
21 for about five years now and been involved in UC Merced  
22 politics for about four years as well.  
23 I'm here to speak strongly in support of  
24 high-speed rail in Merced. There are many who don't  
25 support it and there's also quite a few.

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1 I don't know if you know that UC Merced is the  
2 newest to the UC. The university has medical on campus;  
3 however, we're having some obstacles. We do due to  
4 transportation. One of the things that has been brought  
5 up is that we want companies to come here. We want to  
6 bring medical history to Merced. However, the thing  
7 that's brought up is there is no transportation at UC  
8 Merced. No transportation to Merced County. It's  
9 somewhere like three hours away to the closest airport.

10 The city of Merced wants to attract more  
11 businesses. We want all these different types of  
12 industry. We want to have jobs available for our  
13 graduates to work and stay in Merced and work in Merced.  
14 However, there aren't any jobs because of the lack of  
15 transportation. By building the high-speed rail, that  
16 will be something addressed.

17 Also, the addition of high-speed rail means that  
18 there will be less people on Highway 99 and the usage of  
19 alternative transportation such as through high-speed  
20 rail. This will not only reduce vehicle and traffic  
21 congestion on Highway 99 but will also reduce the amount  
22 of pollution which would help with all the asthma in  
23 Merced.

24 I know many people that suffer from asthma who  
25 actually never had asthma until they moved to the Merced

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Submission 539 (Hibal Halabi, Democrats of UC Merced, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 County area and all these asthma symptoms came from -- due  
2 to air pollution. So moving all these vehicles off the  
3 road and building high-speed rail, more people will be  
4 using it and lead to a reduction in congestion.

5 Also, of course high-speed rail brings tons of  
6 thousands of jobs to Merced County. There's an 18 percent  
7 unemployment rate in Merced County.

8 So as you will hear from Daniel, we set up tables  
9 on our campus trying to get as many people in support of  
10 high-speed rail. Three hundred students, both Democrat  
11 and Republican, who are in favor of high-speed rail. We  
12 have a banner for you guys in support of high-speed rail.

13 So I'm here for students of the University of  
14 Merced, both Democrat and Republican, who support  
15 high-speed rail. They are in favor of this. And why  
16 wouldn't they be? Cuts travel time from San Francisco to  
17 45 minutes and LA, two hours.

18 That's just one of the many things that  
19 high-speed rail will bring to your county and to your  
20 school.

21 Thank you for your time.

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Response to Submission 539 (Hibal Halabi, Democrats of UC Merced, September 14, 2011)

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See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

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## Response to Submission 199 (Scott Hall, September 14, 2011)

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### **199-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 275 (Glen and Beverly Harmon, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

*I am really against any High Speed Rail.  
I think we should do more west Amtrak  
by expanding it. but if one is going in  
A-2 is our best bet. We need to  
save our farm land, even with  
no more housing.*

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## Response to Submission 275 (Glen and Beverly Harmon, September 14, 2011)

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### **275-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and MF-Response-GENERAL-2. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 543 (Jeff Hawks, September 14, 2011)

21 MR. HAWKS: Jeff Hawks, H-A-W-K-S. California  
22 San Joaquin Valley, this is I believe approximately 17  
23 percent of the food that this nation consumes on a daily  
24 basis. It's something that families have spent  
25 generations and generations developing the land, concern

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1 with the water that San Francisco wants our water, Los  
2 Angeles wants our water, and we fight every day in court  
3 just to maintain the water that we have, as previous  
4 speakers are -- that's actually their job function is to  
5 maintain our water rights. But the concern for the  
6 farmers is are we going to disrupt the water rights? Is  
7 this high-speed rail primarily for the people in the  
8 metropolitan areas of San Francisco or Los Angeles? Will  
9 it benefit local people as far as will they use the  
10 transportation?

11 The figures have been thrown around are 200 to  
12 \$300 a ticket to go to San Francisco to Los Angeles.  
13 Would people from Merced be willing to pay that kind of  
14 money to use your high-speed rail?

15 There was also the mention on there that we're  
16 going to save money on highway construction, additional  
17 lanes and things. Well, even if we have a high-speed  
18 rail, you are still going to have the trucks. You are  
19 still going to have the people that cannot afford  
20 high-speed rail commute using those freeways. Those  
21 freeways are still going to have to be repaired and  
22 upgraded and enlarged to accommodate those people.

23 So I believe that's kind of a fallacy unless you  
24 are looking at it only as expanding the number of lanes to  
25 six lanes up and down the state. Because you are still

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Submission 543 (Jeff Hawks, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 going to have to maintain those. I don't believe you are  
2 really going to save that kind of money as long as people  
3 still require them to get back and forth, those people  
4 that can't afford to use your rail system.

5 My main issue though, my heartfelt concern is  
6 that agriculture is the life blood -- economic life blood  
7 and it is the lifestyle of the people that live in this  
8 Valley. And it's difficult to give up what you've done  
9 over generations of time to develop your land for your  
10 children, your children's children, and have a train go  
11 right through the middle of your dairy. It's a very  
12 difficult concept.

13 So your main, I think, action here as a previous  
14 mention -- speaker mentioned is to really address the  
15 agriculture people, because they are the ones that you are  
16 really hitting hard. They are the ones that are really  
17 concerned. So respectfully talk to those people in ag  
18 business. That's your main problem. Sell it to them, you  
19 can sell it to everybody else.

20 Thank you.

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## Response to Submission 543 (Jeff Hawks, September 14, 2011)

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### **543-1**

See MF-Response-WATER-1, MF-Response-WATER-4 and MF-Response-GENERAL-6. The HST project would benefit residents in the Central Valley as well as the metropolitan areas of San Francisco and Los Angeles. The project would result in benefits from improved air quality for residents in the Central Valley and improved travel times between all areas. The HST would also provide new employment opportunities during construction and operation as described in Section 3.18, Regional Growth. The CAHSR 2012 Business Plan provides information on the fares for the HST.

### **543-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-4.

Submission 496 (Adrian Hernandez, September 14, 2011)

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Hello. My name is Adrian  
22 Hernandez. I am a member of this community since I was  
23 born. I might be young but I know a lot of this  
24 community.  
25 And what I'm trying to say, this is like -- that

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1 area is the worst area to put stuff like that to begin  
2 with. It's one of the best parts of the city. And then  
3 we're going to be putting the stations and stuff like  
4 that, make more pollution and stuff like that. To begin  
5 with, we have a lot of asthmatic people in this area of  
6 the state. I'm not one of them, but my family members  
7 are, like my brothers, you know.  
8 And we live right here on 14th Street where  
9 everything is and all that. You guys have designed to put  
10 a parking lot right there, I think. I'm not sure. And  
11 it's not -- it's going to trap our way of life. We live a  
12 real peaceful life. We talk to each other. We're all  
13 united.  
14 Like right here, most of our neighbors are right  
15 here right now trying to see what's going on. And you  
16 guys are really like -- and they are supposed to lose --  
17 change our way of our lives, not in a good way.  
18 I come from a big city, Santa Rosa, California.  
19 It's bigger than this one here. Over there it's a real --  
20 we moved from there to get away from the big city. We're  
21 going to make it bigger. Yeah.  
22 That's all I have to say.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. Merced to Fresno.

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## Response to Submission 496 (Adrian Hernandez, September 14, 2011)

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**496-1**

See MF-Response-AQ-1 and MF-Response-SOCIAL-4.



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Submission 518 (Gloria Hernandez, September 14, 2011)

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## Response to Submission 518 (Gloria Hernandez, September 14, 2011)

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**518-1**

See MF-Response-AQ-1.

Submission 179 (Tak Way Ho, September 14, 2011)

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## Response to Submission 179 (Tak Way Ho, September 14, 2011)

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### **179-1**

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Submission 300 (Don Hughes, September 14, 2011)

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PUT MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN ATWATER.

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## Response to Submission 300 (Don Hughes, September 14, 2011)

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### **300-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-15.



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## Response to Submission 188 (Rosie Ibrahim, September 14, 2011)

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### **188-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.



Submission 214 (Margarita Iniguez, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 214 (Margarita Iniguez, September 14, 2011)

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### **214-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 259 (Jean Jackson, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

I Don't believe we should be  
Spending Money on this.

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## Response to Submission 259 (Jean Jackson, September 14, 2011)

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### **259-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 189 (Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

The A-2 route would grossly impact the  
schools & the businesses of the town of  
Le Grand.  
Quality of life would heavily impact the  
residents of Le Grand.

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## Response to Submission 189 (Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen, September 14, 2011)

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### **189-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 301 (Daryl Jordan, City of Merced, September 14, 2011)

Comment Period Extended to  
October 13, 2011

El periodo a hacer comentarios  
está prolongado hasta del  
13 de octubre de 2011



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The comment period on the Draft EIR/EIS begins  
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Comments received after 5:00 p.m. on **September**  
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301-1

I support route A2 due to the least amount of adverse  
agriculture impacts.

301-2

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE AT GRADE SOLUTION IN DOWNTOWN  
MERCED FOR THE HSR STATION. THE AT GRADE DESIGN  
CREATES SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES IN THE DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION  
ELEMENT. I SUGGEST THE IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES  
BE INVESTIGATED FURTHER.



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## Response to Submission 301 (Daryl Jordan, City of Merced, September 14, 2011)

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### **301-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

### **301-2**

Our traffic analysis shows that the project design, and traffic mitigation measures, in downtown Merced are feasible and will mitigate impacts to acceptable levels, without secondary significant impacts. However, as construction in the Merced area is not imminent, we will continue to work closely with the City of Merced to refine and improve the design, as appropriate, to ensure an adequate level of mitigation is provided that is consistent with the measures defined in the EIR/EIS.



Submission 190 (Russell Kahl, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 190 (Russell Kahl, September 14, 2011)

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### **190-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 281 (Henry G. Kelsey, September 14, 2011)

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## Response to Submission 281 (Henry G. Kelsey, September 14, 2011)

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### **281-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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Submission 490 (Wayne Kepford, September 14, 2011)

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490-1	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 20px; text-align: right;">18</div><div>MR. KEPFORD: My name is Wayne Kepford. And the</div><div style="width: 20px; text-align: left;">19</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 20px; text-align: right;">19</div><div>first lady that got up, my question was on that, on the</div><div style="width: 20px; text-align: left;">20</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 20px; text-align: right;">20</div><div>maintenance part. Okay.</div><div style="width: 20px; text-align: left;"></div></div>
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## Response to Submission 490 (Wayne Kepford, September 14, 2011)

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### **490-1**

California's HST system includes three types of maintenance facilities; maintenance-of-way, HST heavy maintenance, and overnight layover and servicing facilities. Refer to the EIR/EIS, Section 2.2.9 Maintenance Facilities for a complete description, and Section 2.4 Alignment, Station and Heavy Maintenance Facility Alternatives Evaluated in the Project EIR/EIS.

Submission 191 (Richard Kilgore, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

191-2

*It has been my idea as long as the state department of transportation is going to widen Highway 99 and as Highway 99 south bound lanes is to be a frontage road, why not use the south bound lanes for the High Speed Rail Road tracks. The state could require more land for a frontage road.*

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## Response to Submission 191 (Richard Kilgore, September 14, 2011)

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### **191-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and MF-Response-GENERAL-2. As discussed in the latter master response, SR 99 is not designed for travel at the speed of the HST and is not a viable alternative because of those physical limitations. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **191-2**

The design criteria for the HST must maintain extremely straight lines to maintain safety at such high speeds. Curvatures, both horizontal and vertical require miles of transition. Small undulations, as using the south bound lanes for portions are not efficient for this track design. The Authority is collaborating with Caltrans on design development and looking for opportunities to minimize right of way acquisition.



Submission 501 (Daniel Krause, Californians for High Speed Rail, September 14, 2011)

8 MR. KRAUSE: Thank you. My name is Daniel  
9 Krause. I'm with Californians for High-Speed Rail and  
10 we're an independent grassroots organization that  
11 represents the supporters of high-speed rail around the  
12 states. We work at the ground level to build support for  
13 this project we feel is critical for the future of  
14 California. And our only mission is to make sure this  
15 project happens and it happens in a really effective way.  
16 So I just want -- you know, we got folks here  
17 from all over the country tonight and also locally. We're  
18 hearing a lot of naysayers well organized right now and  
19 they seem to be in the media a lot. Don't buy what they  
20 are saying. We don't buy it. It doesn't make any sense.  
21 We're hearing that we can't afford this; this is a train  
22 to bankruptville. That's not true.  
23 This project -- well, let me start with we  
24 already have \$6.3 billion, as you know, ready to go for  
25 this project. Almost \$4 billion has been given to

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1 California. That's grants. If we don't do this project,  
2 we're going to lose \$3 and a half billion to the state.  
3 That makes no sense at a time when our unemployment rate  
4 is exploding, especially here in the Central Valley over  
5 15 percent. Construction will begin next year which will  
6 create in the vicinity a hundred thousand jobs in the  
7 short term. I just don't understand how anyone can  
8 rationalize that this doesn't make economic sense. I  
9 don't see any real risk moving forward when we have that  
10 much money from the outside sources in hand.

11 And for the money that the state is spending, I  
12 just want to remind everybody that the voters have told  
13 the State of California to spend that money. It's the  
14 Prop 1A money. That's only \$2 billion.

15 So given the fact there's so much outside money,  
16 we urge you to move forward with the project as  
17 expeditiously as possible. The job situation is  
18 outrageous and to just delay or not do this project makes  
19 no sense.

20 Also I just wanted to -- as we're moving forward  
21 with this project, I just wanted to urge the California  
22 High-Speed Rail Authority, FRA to work with the folks that  
23 are going to be impacted. They are sympathetic local  
24 residents, farmers. We know there's going to be impacts  
25 with the project. Any project is going to impact folks.

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Submission 501 (Daniel Krause, Californians for High Speed Rail, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 I just wanted to remind you high-speed rail -- we  
2 have to expand the transportation system regardless in the  
3 Central Valley. High-speed rail -- two tracks in  
4 high-speed rail provides the same capacity as six highway  
5 lanes. So if we don't do high-speed rail we're going to  
6 have a lot more impact down the road in terms of land loss  
7 in the Central Valley. So that's another reason we need  
8 to move forward right now. The population is not going to  
9 stop growing. That's a fantasy.

501-4

10 And finally a quick message I want to make about  
11 the heavy maintenance facility and the comments earlier,  
12 that we would like to see all the alternatives continue to  
13 be reviewed through this process at this time.

14 Thank you very much.

15 MS. RANDELL: And do your comments apply to the  
16 Merced to Fresno or Fresno to Bakersfield or both?

17 MR. KRAUSE: Both.

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## Response to Submission 501 (Daniel Krause, Californians for High Speed Rail, September 14, 2011)

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### **501-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9, MF-Response-GENERAL-18, and MF-Response-GENERAL-19.

### **501-2**

See MF-Response-SOCIAL-1 and MF-Response-SOCIAL-7.

### **501-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

### **501-4**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-15.

Submission 331 (Anna Kuniyoshi, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

331-1

*If the high speed rail goes along Mariposa Way there is a problem because the area has a definite fault line. About 30 years ago we were told that natural gas was there because it is found where a fault is located. They wanted to drill on both sides of Mariposa Way, Pleasanton to Antioch.*

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## Response to Submission 331 (Anna Kuniyoshi, September 14, 2011)

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### **331-1**

According to mapping by the California Geological Survey (CGS) (2009) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and CGS (2009, 2010), there are no active or potentially active faults located adjacent to or transecting the alignments, or within a 25-mile radius of the project, as shown in Figure 3.9-4 of the EIR/EIS. The fault along Mariposa Way was not mapped as an active or potentially active fault by CGS (2009) or USGS and CGS (2009, 2010); therefore, if it exists, the fault noted in the comment may be an inactive fault that has been inferred from past geologic studies. Inactive faults are faults that have caused earthquakes in the past, but not for over 1.6 million years. They are not considered to be the source of seismic events that cause ground displacement or ground shaking and therefore would not represent a hazard to the project. According to mapping by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR 2001), there are no oil or gas fields mapped within 2 miles of the alignments; therefore, natural gas would likely not occur in the inactive fault noted in the comment.

Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 512 (Ms. Lashbrook, East Merced Resource Conservation District, September 14, 2011)

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MS. LASHBROOK: Good afternoon. I'm here because

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1 we just had our Resource Conservation District board  
2 meeting today, so I helped write this and we had it  
3 signed. I'm going to read the letter. So this is about  
4 the Merced to Fresno Draft EIR/EIS.

5 The Board of Directors for the Federal Railroad  
6 Administration, we are concerned about some of the  
7 proposal alternative routes for the high-speed rail  
8 project because of the detrimental effects it will have on  
9 our resources. Our charge is to an elected body to  
10 protect the resources of our district and east of Merced.  
11 So from Merced County -- well, just pretty much everything  
12 running from this side.

13 So we believe that the detrimental effects of the  
14 development and operation of the high-speed rail on some  
15 on those resources must be minimized by choosing the least  
16 disruptive alternative. We are particularly concerned  
17 about the primary -- the important environmental and the  
18 most productive agricultural areas of the nation. We  
19 support the route that has the least impact on productive  
20 farmland. We actively oppose the division of existing  
21 farmland of this project because of the impact it would  
22 have on production making farming difficult, if not  
23 impossible.

24 The Board is further concerned about the impact  
25 on rare and endangered plant and animal species and the

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Submission 512 (Ms. Lashbrook, East Merced Resource Conservation District, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 habitat that supports them. The data is clear that  
2 UPRR/SR99 alternative -- that alternative, the East  
3 Chowchilla design option has significantly less impact on  
4 wildlife habitat in almost every category list.  
5 Now our commitment is to our district. Our  
6 concern is beyond the boundaries. We have global interest  
7 in resource preservation and feel strongly about  
8 protection of valuable land and habitat resources all on  
9 the high-speed rail route through the San Joaquin Valley.  
10 And the Fresno to Merced section we are opposing today,  
11 either BNSF alternative option has a greater impact on the  
12 farming options, farmland, and wildlife resources.

13 Thank you for taking this into consideration.

14 I have about a minute left. I personally have a  
15 comment.

512-3

16 I am hoping that most of the components and most  
17 of the engineers be working on this from this country. As  
18 a taxpayer I know it costs a little more. I just think  
19 that this should be an American resource, American jobs.

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## Response to Submission 512 (Ms. Lashbrook, East Merced Resource Conservation District, September 14, 2011)

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### **512-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-4.

### **512-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

### **512-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-19. It has not been determined where the trains, which represent a relatively small percentage of the high-speed train project's overall costs, will be built. Currently, no American company manufactures high-speed trains, though there are companies in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Japan, China and Korea that possess high-speed train technology and do manufacture trains. The U.S. Department of Transportation, of which the Federal Railroad Administration is a part, has a strict "Buy America" requirement for high-speed rail projects that ensures that U.S. manufacturers and workers will receive the maximum economic benefits from this federal investment. In 2009, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood secured a commitment from 30 foreign and domestic rail manufacturers to employ American workers and locate or expand their operations in the U.S. if they are selected for high-speed-rail contracts.



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Please check all that are applicable.

- ☒ I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE A-2 HIGH SPEED RAIL ROUTE ALTERNATIVE (UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD/HIGHWAY 99) AND AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE ALTERNATIVE.
- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.
- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

While I support the A-2 rail route, I question the decision to spend the money required to support this project given the very dismal financial condition of California.



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## Response to Submission 215 (Markarian Laura, September 14, 2011)

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### **215-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **215-2**

MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and MF-Response-GENERAL-18.

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## Response to Submission 246 (Jack Lefler, September 14, 2011)

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### **246-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 216 (Milton Lemus, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 216 (Milton Lemus, September 14, 2011)

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### **216-1**

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Submission 293 (Daniel and Rhonda Lis, September 14, 2011)

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293-1

Please check all that are applicable.

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

To TAKE the perfect little quiet town  
And put this R/R right in the middle  
of it, so that it destroys the town and  
community we've all worked so hard for. It is..  
I can't even find the right word. URRRRR

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## Response to Submission 293 (Daniel and Rhonda Lis, September 14, 2011)

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### **293-1**

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Submission 332 (Agnes Liwker, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

voter approval was approved to follow "existing" corridors

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DISTRICT 1 RESIDENT  
8491 MARIPOSA WAY  
MERCED CA 95341-9254

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## Response to Submission 332 (Agnes Liwker, September 14, 2011)

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### **332-1**


See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 247 (Judy Lorenz, September 14, 2011)

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NAME  **Ms. Judy Lorenz**  
**PO Box 6**  
**Planada, CA 95365**

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 247 (Judy Lorenz, September 14, 2011)

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### **247-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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## Response to Submission 267 (Elaine Luker, September 14, 2011)

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### **267-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **267-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

Submission 218 (Mike Marchini, September 14, 2011)

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218-1

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
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218-2

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

I do not support construction of the High  
Speed Rail. Recent studies have raised many  
questions about the viability of the system,  
and its financial success. During these tough economic  
times, I think the government could spend its money  
for better projects that would also supply jobs. Water  
projects should be at the top of the list.

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## Response to Submission 218 (Mike Marchini, September 14, 2011)

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### **218-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **218-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14



Submission 219 (Mare Marchini, September 14, 2011)

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- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☐ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

219-1

I DONT SUPPORT  
ANY ROUTE.  
NO High Speed Rail

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3434 PLAINSBURG RD  
MERCED CA 95341-9552

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## Response to Submission 219 (Mare Marchini, September 14, 2011)

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### **219-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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EMAIL ADDRESS Jeff@Jugardinifarms.com / Stephanie@JMarcheaiFarms.com

Please check all that are applicable.

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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2031 BURCHELL AVE  
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## Response to Submission 250 (Jeff and Stephanie Marchini, September 14, 2011)

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### **250-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 505 (Jeff Marchini, September 14, 2011)

505-1

505-2

10 MR. MARCHINI: Good afternoon. My name is Jeff  
11 Marchini. My address is 131 South Burchell in La Grange,  
12 California. I currently serve as President of Merced  
13 County Farm Bureau. And since the fall of 2009 I've had  
14 the opportunity to submit comments in front of the  
15 Authority, and Merced County Farm Bureau's position from  
16 day one has been stay out of our ag lands. Build  
17 high-speed rail along major transportation corridors.

18 And the A-1 route is not a major transportation  
19 corridor. It affects our farms, our ranches, our  
20 operations, our infrastructures that have taken well over  
21 a hundred years to create.

22 And we've had -- we've invited engineers with  
23 high-speed rail staff onto our farms and ranches and tried  
24 to educate them on what we do for a living. And I believe  
25 the board has the opportunity to make the right decision

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1 on route selection.

2 And once again, we live in the last greatest  
3 agricultural producing valley in the world and we need to  
4 preserve it and the decision needs to be the correct one.

5 Thank you.

6 MS. RANDELL: Sir, does your comment apply to  
7 which section?

8 MR. MARCHINI: Merced to Fresno. Thank you.

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## Response to Submission 505 (Jeff Marchini, September 14, 2011)

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### **505-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2 and MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

### **505-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

Submission 510 (Joe Marchini, September 14, 2011)

510-1

19 MR. MARCHINI: Yeah, both sections. My name is  
20 Joe Marchini and I live in Le Grand. I've been there 72  
21 years. There's a thousand people from where I live and we  
22 are agriculture. And agriculture brings a lot of money  
23 between wages, transportation, all these freeways, and  
24 we've got to protect ag. And to protect ag, you people  
25 have to work with us. We tried. We've had several

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510-2

1 meetings. Assemblywoman Cathleen Galgiani. Senator Jeff  
2 Denham when he was in office just starting.

3 And I think it could work. I'm not against the  
4 railroad -- I mean high-speed rail, but it's got to be  
5 where it works for both. Because we lose ag in this  
6 county and Fresno County which we did lose some ag in  
7 Fresno County because of the water situation. Now we're  
8 fighting the high-speed rail.

9 Like I said, there's four generations of farming  
10 going on. And like I said, if we work together, I think  
11 it could work for both sides. If we bug each other, it's  
12 going to be a big fight for you. And we're going to put  
13 up a fight. Because ag to me is important.

14 I've got a son working for me, two grandchildren  
15 working for me, and we employ a lot of people. And this  
16 state is probably the safest food you are going to get and  
17 to me that's very important because California is a real  
18 productive state to agriculture.

19 And like I said, I'm not against it, but let's  
20 try working together. We tried. It seemed like it  
21 doesn't want to work. The people we worked with  
22 high-speed rail, they didn't want to listen to ag people.  
23 Ag will put up a fight. Let's try to mend that fight and  
24 work together.

25 Thank you.

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## Response to Submission 510 (Joe Marchini, September 14, 2011)

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### **510-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9 and MF-Response-GENERAL-4.

### **510-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9 and MF-Response-GENERAL-4.



Submission 306 (Dwetta Martin, September 14, 2011)

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306-1

Please check all that are applicable.

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 306 (Dwetta Martin, September 14, 2011)

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### **306-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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Submission 522 (Monica Martinez, September 14, 2011)

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522-1

1 Monica, are you speaking for both?  
2 MS. MARTINEZ: Both. Hi. My name is Monica  
3 Martinez. I'm from UC Merced. I'm from Los Angeles and I  
4 support the high-speed rail not only because it's an easy  
5 transportation for us from UC Merced to SoCal. Also, it's  
6 bringing a lot of jobs here and also it's easy for us to  
7 come from SoCal to the Central Valley. So I support this.  
8 Thank you.

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Response to Submission 522 (Monica Martinez, September 14, 2011)

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**522-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 251 (John McGill, September 14, 2011)

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251-1

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- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 251 (John McGill, September 14, 2011)

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### **251-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 312 (Brenda McQuollen, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

It goes right over my house which is 1/2 mile  
from Santa Fe on Cunningham Rd. It should  
follow A-2 route which is the most logical  
route. It takes up way less farmland and  
is ease access to populated areas that people could  
get to easier.

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## Response to Submission 312 (Brenda McQuollen, September 14, 2011)

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### **312-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.



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## Response to Submission 221 (Maynard Melin, September 14, 2011)

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### **221-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 240 (Lynda Miranda, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

240-1

I voted against this project. I do  
not support any route!  
This project is an obscene use of money!

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## Response to Submission 240 (Lynda Miranda, September 14, 2011)

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### **240-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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Submission 521 (Maria Mora, September 14, 2011)

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521-1

8 MS. MORA: My name is Maria Mora and I'm a  
9 student at UC Merced. I'm part of the Democrats Club.  
10 And I'm in favor of the high-speed rail because there will  
11 be more employment opportunity here in Merced County which  
12 has a really, really low unemployment rate right now.

13 And also because a lot of my friends from school  
14 are from Southern California, LA, San Diego, and I see how  
15 much for one week to go home is like a hundred dollars and  
16 takes them several hours to get there, so most of the time  
17 they rather stay here in school. Because they really want  
18 to go home and visit their families. A lot of their  
19 families doesn't know how to drive, and I feel that they  
20 would be able to come on the train or high-speed railway.  
21 It will be easier and faster. I support it.

22 MS. RANDELL: And you are speaking for both  
23 sections?

24 MS. MORA: Yeah, for both.

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## Response to Submission 521 (Maria Mora, September 14, 2011)

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### 521-1

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 493 (Stacey Mortensen, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, September 14, 2011)

493-1

14 MS. MORTENSEN: I thought there was somebody more  
15 important. Stacey Mortensen, San Joaquin Regional Rail  
16 Commission up in Stockton, California and speaking on the  
17 Merced to Fresno segment and in support of the project.

18 For one of the primary reasons, that the Central  
19 Valley is the pipeline for goods movement, and the Central  
20 Valley is also projected for very high population growth.  
21 And where population growth goes, more goods movement  
22 follows.

23 And right now our highways are choked with trucks  
24 and we don't really want to stop that because it's the  
25 lifeblood of our economy. When I start looking at all the  
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493-1

1 trucks out on the highway, I am more than happy to defer  
2 and seek a rail option and let the trucks have the  
3 highway. I think they are going to need it with the  
4 growth classified for the railroad.

5 I also want to touch on this issue about perhaps  
6 moving the money out of the Central Valley and to the two  
7 urban centers in Northern or Southern California. And I  
8 supported this segment for the initial construction  
9 because I think FRA and High-Speed Rail Authority for the  
10 record needs to focus on one spot where we can develop all  
11 the technologies and all the system components and make  
12 things happen and expand upon later. I think diffusing  
13 the sections is going to be too hard for FRA and the  
14 Authority to achieve the kind of results that they want.

15 I also think we need a hard-looking approach and  
16 build a system where there isn't any other option.  
17 There's not a lot of population growth but there's a lot  
18 of growth planned for the future. And I think you need a  
19 critical mass of industry and economy to scale which you  
20 can achieve in the Central Valley and then build outward  
21 from that to the urban centers at a later date.

22 And then finally I think there's greater ability  
23 to leverage money in California from urban sections.  
24 Right now we don't have a lot of competition but later we  
25 will. And if we put all the money in the urban sections  
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Submission 493 (Stacey Mortensen, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 and we have half the Valley piece, I don't think they're  
2 going to compete very well against other high-speed rail  
3 systems in the state.

4 We support the UPRR/99 option. We were brought  
5 into the Valley blueprint process. Although I wasn't wild  
6 about how it was rolled out, a few things came out of  
7 every single meeting and that was protect prime farmland,  
8 provide adequate water, expansion -- the option, and  
9 reinvigorate the downtown areas. And the UPRR/99 route  
10 best matches those I believe.

493-2

11 Moving quickly to the maintenance facility.  
12 While notwithstanding the timing of the decision, since  
13 we're a rail operator up in the northern part of the  
14 state, there's a few things we would look for. We would  
15 want a longer A track to the maintenance facility station.  
16 I mean we want it to be off the route, and if that route  
17 is LA to San Francisco, we would want that track following  
18 the maintenance facility to be somewhere else. That  
19 provides opportunities for testing. It provides  
20 opportunities for the future technology application and do  
21 it on our primary trunk line.

22 So notwithstanding the timing, we think that  
23 those characteristics are important. There might be  
24 others, but we hope you would factor that in your  
25 decision. Thank you.

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Response to Submission 493 (Stacey Mortensen, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission,  
September 14, 2011)

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**493-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9 and MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

**493-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-15.

Submission 520 (Kara Mulkey, September 14, 2011)

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520-1

23 MS. MULKEY: Yes. I'm Kara Mulkey and I'm a  
24 student at UC Merced, and I support the high-speed rail  
25 due to the fact that I am from SoCal. And it would be

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1 beneficial to the area because it would create jobs that  
2 are very much needed, and it would help this county grow.  
3 And that would be better both for the school and for the  
4 people who live here.

5 So that's all I have to say.

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## Response to Submission 520 (Kara Mulkey, September 14, 2011)

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### 520-1

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 305 (Daniel Nanez, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 305 (Daniel Nanez, September 14, 2011)

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### **305-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 304 (Daniel Neva, September 14, 2011)

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304-1

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## Response to Submission 304 (Daniel Neva, September 14, 2011)

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### **304-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 491 (Bill Nicholson, Merced County Planning Department, September 14, 2011)

23 MR. NICHOLSON: My name is Bill Nicholson. I'm  
24 the assistant planning director for the Merced County  
25 Planning Department. Welcoming chairman -- or the board

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491-1

1 members. Not chairman yet. And fellow staff members.

2 We are going to submit formal comments in detail  
3 on the EIR/EIS -- Fresno to Merced EIR/EIS, but I wanted  
4 to make a couple points. We appreciate you coming to our  
5 local community.

6 We, of course, have a lot of special issues in  
7 Merced County being a agricultural county, and it's clear  
8 that the Merced County is in crossroads from the  
9 high-speed rail project throughout California. We have  
10 three legs that come into Merced County from Fresno south,  
11 and go west to San Jose, and go north to Sacramento, and  
12 each of those legs ends up in Merced County. And each is  
13 studied by a separate environmental document.

14 And it's a challenge for us to evaluate that and  
15 a challenge for your staff to draft the environmental  
16 document and try to put all those pieces together. Some  
17 of those pieces have led to maybe a disadvantage or a poor  
18 analysis of the impact to Merced County that might not  
19 have otherwise occurred, primarily having to do with the  
20 heavy maintenance facility.

21 Both of our council members supported that in the  
22 community in Stanislaus County offered that land north of  
23 Merced County for the facility. The way the EIR/EIS  
24 calculated this plan was to put a track to get there from  
25 Merced to Sacramento as a quiet alternative going north.

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Submission 491 (Bill Nicholson, Merced County Planning Department, September 14, 2011) - Continued

491-1

1     However, the Merced heavy maintenance facility, it's  
2     penalized for the cost to build that leg and the community  
3     west and east is penalized by that design and it's a major  
4     leg to go up on. And that determines the Sacramento  
5     EIR/EIS has been started yet or been reviewed by the  
6     public and the cost for that are being -- tying in to the  
7     main facility is very premature.

491-2

8             And so this is -- Congressman Cardoza, he  
9     mentioned preferred delay of the consideration of that  
10    facility in the EIR as the basis for making conclusions as  
11    to that to confer and further analysis needed.

12            And then as you heard from the speakers, farmland  
13    on the BNSF line following through the land, usually  
14    that's sparse farmland and also the biological resources  
15    on the eastside of Merced County. Following the UP  
16    alignment along Highway 99 would much prefer, much  
17    beneficial, and it's also a reference to our updated  
18    general plan and still in the process if the county is  
19    supporting following circulation routes in our county.

20            So thank you all for coming. We'll submit our  
21    letter by the October 13th deadline.

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## Response to Submission 491 (Bill Nicholson, Merced County Planning Department, September 14, 2011)

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### **491-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-7 and MF-Response-GENERAL-15.

### **491-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

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## Response to Submission 206 (No Name No Name, September 14, 2011)

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### **206-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 207 (No Name No Name, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 207 (No Name No Name, September 14, 2011)

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### **207-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 242 (Lonnie E. Otey, September 14, 2011)



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I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
TELL THOSE WHO WOULD OPPOSE THIS PROJECT  
THAT THE TIME IS NOW TO PUT THE CENTRAL VALLEY  
BACK TO WORK. THE VALLEY IS IN DIRE STRAIGHTS  
UNEMPLOYMENT IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH AS ARE  
FORECLOSURES AND ALL THE VAGARIES OF POVERTY.  
PLEASE, PLEASE THE VALLEY NEEDS THE HIGH  
SPEED RAIL AND THE 100,000 JOBS IT WILL  
PROVIDE!

Thank You



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Response to Submission 242 (Lonnie E. Otey, September 14, 2011)

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**242-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.



Submission 497 (Lonnie Otey, September 14, 2011)

497-1

3 MR. OTEY: Hi. My name is Lonnie Otey and I'm a  
4 retired operating engineer. And I would like to hear some  
5 of the comments.

6 The Central Valley has been particularly hard hit  
7 by the recession. Unemployment is at levels not seen  
8 since the '20s. People are losing their homes. Of course  
9 you got all the problems that comes with abject poverty as  
10 a result of the recession. We need jobs.

11 Construction is a very hard way to make a living.  
12 You scramble during the season to work every hour you can  
13 and all through the summer, and then, by God, it's  
14 September and you got to buy new school clothes. And  
15 everybody knows how that can be. You continue to try to  
16 work. And, you know, by God, there's Christmas right in  
17 the middle of December. Maybe you've been out of work for  
18 two months. And looking at you guys, I can pretty much  
19 bet that none of you have ever had to suffer a welfare  
20 Christmas.

21 We need these jobs and we need them now. Thank  
22 you. That's all I have to say.

25 MR. OTEY: It affects the whole system.

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Response to Submission 497 (Lonnie Otey, September 14, 2011)

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**497-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9

Submission 252 (Jerry Palmer, September 14, 2011)

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A-1 goes directly over my front porch. I DO NOT  
SUPPORT!!

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## Response to Submission 252 (Jerry Palmer, September 14, 2011)

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### **252-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 176 (Tyler Patel, September 14, 2011)

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A California High Speed Rail System would only be beneficial to  
the well being of the state. It would provide many jobs and economic  
development. The rail way would promote sustainable transportation by  
allowing citizens to use efficient and viable means of getting from point  
A to point B. A very green alternative to using fossil fuel burning  
factories.



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## Response to Submission 176 (Tyler Patel, September 14, 2011)

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**176-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9

Submission 502 (John Pedrozo, Merced County Board of Supervisors, September 14, 2011)

21 MR. PEDROZO: Thank you. First of all, I would  
22 like to thank you for coming to Merced today.  
23 First off, let me say that about a month ago I  
24 sent out to my constituents in unincorporated communities  
25 in Le Grand, Planada a letter from me asking for input on

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1 high-speed rail and their comments -- asking for their  
2 comments and if they supported it or not supported it.  
3 And I have over 150 responses here that I would like to  
4 submit for -- can I just leave them right here?

502-1 6 MR. PEDROZO: And start with that. And let me  
7 first say that I support this concept 100 percent because  
8 we need the jobs. There's, you know -- the unemployment  
9 up and down the Valley is terrible. Merced County is one  
10 of the highest ones in the state.

502-2 11 But some of the things that I think the people --  
12 or the Authority needs to realize, that this needs to go  
13 on all major transportation corridors, on wide connections  
14 and run the 152 corridor and come across with the least  
15 impacts on ag.

502-3 16 Absolutely I am opposed to route 1 which goes  
17 through two unincorporated communities of Le Grand and  
18 Planada. I have stated this for the last five years that  
19 I have been involved with this that it splits up two  
20 unincorporated communities which is in my district, and it  
21 would devastate both the people there and the people that  
22 are associated with ag.

502-4 23 Also, the grading process for the maintenance  
24 facility, I have major concerns with how that was done. I  
25 think that was -- some of the degrading the way they did

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Submission 502 (John Pedrozo, Merced County Board of Supervisors, September 14, 2011) - Continued

502-4

1 it, they put Castle down on the bottom of the totem pole,  
2 if you will. That to me is unacceptable because you're  
3 getting it for a dollar a year. And the land is there.  
4 We have numerous tours out there. I've taken I don't know  
5 how many people out there to see, board members from the  
6 Authority out there to see how that would work.

502-5

7 The communication I think is one of the biggest  
8 problems that you had with the ag community and the  
9 High-Speed Rail Authority and its consultants need better  
10 communication with the ag community in order for the ag  
11 industry to support this. I'm hearing it time and time  
12 again that there has got to be better communication.  
13 People need to know whether the impact is going to be on  
14 their land.

15 What -- how they are going to be compensated.  
16 You know, if it's going to run right down their almond  
17 orchard or go right through their dairy, they need some  
18 answers. They're not getting the answers. Communication  
19 to me is one of the most important things that needs to be  
20 done.

21 And I'll finish by saying that over the years  
22 I've supported the concept of high-speed rail and what  
23 kind of jobs it can bring to not only Merced County but to  
24 the whole Valley. But, again, I would say the  
25 communication, trust has to be there in order for this to

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1 be a viable project. So I hope you take this all into  
2 consideration and hear what I'm saying. Okay.



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## Response to Submission 502 (John Pedrozo, Merced County Board of Supervisors, September 14, 2011)

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**502-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

**502-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2.

**502-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-8 and MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

**502-4**

See MF-Response-General-15 and MF-Response-GENERAL-20.

**502-5**

See MF-Response-SOCIAL-1 and MF-Response-SOCIAL-7.

Submission 283 (Henry Perez, September 14, 2011)

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EMAIL ADDRESS henryperez@scglobal

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DISTRICT 1 RESIDENT  
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PLANADA CA 95365-0173

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283-1

Please check all that are applicable.

- ☒ I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE A-2 HIGH SPEED RAIL ROUTE ALTERNATIVE (UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD/HIGHWAY 99) AND AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE ALTERNATIVE.
- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.
- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☐ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 283 (Henry Perez, September 14, 2011)

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### **283-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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## Response to Submission 253 (Joshua Porter, September 14, 2011)

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### **253-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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## Response to Submission 196 (Scott and Kim Porter, September 14, 2011)

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### **196-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 313 (Billy Powell, IBEW 684, September 14, 2011)

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October 13, 2011

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está prolongado hasta del  
13 de octubre de 2011



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Correo electrónico: Bill@LU684.org

313-1

We need jobs, I support  
the H.S. R. System through  
out the state of California

313-2

1) Great Rail System + way of  
transportation

313-1

2) Creates jobs

A) building rail system

B) New Businesses along rail  
System

C) Perminat jobs to run  
H.S. R. System

313-2

3) Once built feel it will  
be well used

A) Bart can't find parking  
spot

B) Many times standing  
room only



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Response to Submission 313 (Billy Powell, IBEW 684, September 14, 2011)

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**313-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

**313-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 222 (Mary E. Prado, September 14, 2011)

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☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.

☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.

☐ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

Would the High Speed Rail Way be stopping in Le Grand?

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## Response to Submission 222 (Mary E. Prado, September 14, 2011)

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### **222-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **222-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2. Section 2.3.2 of the EIR/EIS discusses station locations; the BNSF alternative would not include a station in Le Grand.

Submission 164 (Vera Prichard, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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164-1

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## Response to Submission 164 (Vera Prichard, September 14, 2011)

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### **164-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 181 (Tyler Rackelmann, September 14, 2011)

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181-1

I am a student at UC Merced and I believe the Merced to  
Fresno High-Speed Train Section is extremely important for the  
state of California. Innovations have shaped our culture and  
changed the way business is done. Business today is changing in a  
way that can be promoted by such a high-speed rail. Not only is  
it feasible in many ways, but also very convenient for those  
who travel often, and wish to maintain relationships with friends  
and family. I think those affected ~~at~~ should be compensated  
justly.

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Response to Submission 181 (Tyler Rackelmann, September 14, 2011)

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**181-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9

Submission 223 (Mark Ragus, September 14, 2011)

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- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

I AM AGAINST HIGH SPEED RAIL - PERIOD !!!  
I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS THE BEST USE OF OUR MONIES.  
NO ONE WILL USE IT, FINISH AMTRAK ROUTES  
INSTEAD !!!

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## Response to Submission 223 (Mark Ragus, September 14, 2011)

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### **223-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 321 (Cynthia Ragus, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

I am against High Speed Rail - period.  
I don't believe it is the best use of  
our monies. I don't think anyone will  
use it. Finish Amtrak instead!

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## Response to Submission 321 (Cynthia Ragus, September 14, 2011)

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### **321-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 254 (Jim Ramirez, September 14, 2011)

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254-1

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 254 (Jim Ramirez, September 14, 2011)

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### **254-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 193 (Roland Ramirez, September 14, 2011)

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193-1

I would like to express my support for the proposed HSR system. I would also like to voice my support for the union pacific alignment with a station downtown at the current 15th/MLC location. Redevelopment should be included in any future station development.

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## Response to Submission 193 (Roland Ramirez, September 14, 2011)

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**193-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10

Submission 271 (Fred and Patricia Ramos, September 14, 2011)

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- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

because I think that it will  
Just make things worse because  
of the hick up of taxes is not  
getting any better it is just  
a high risk for tax payers people  
are moving out of this area because  
of jobs going down to Hall.

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LE GRAND CA 95333-9630

271-1



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## Response to Submission 271 (Fred and Patricia Ramos, September 14, 2011)

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### **271-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 183 (Ronald and Linda Richards, September 14, 2011)

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- ☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☐ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

183-1

We are strongly Against the  
High speed RAIL project.  
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## Response to Submission 183 (Ronald and Linda Richards, September 14, 2011)

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### **183-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 224 (Michael Ries, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 224 (Michael Ries, September 14, 2011)

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### **224-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 255 (Jose Rodrigues, September 14, 2011)

**HIGH SPEED RAIL COMMENT SHEET**

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*Attention: Supervisor John Pedrozo*

*County of Merced*

*2222 M Street*

*Merced, CA 95340*

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Street Address Town/City Zip Code  
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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 255 (Jose Rodrigues, September 14, 2011)

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### **255-1**

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## Response to Submission 225 (Manuel A. Rodriguez, September 14, 2011)

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### 225-1

MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 269 (Eduardo Rodriguez, September 14, 2011)

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Email address/  
Correo electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

269-1

I believe is a good thing to do a station here  
in merced, Cause theres no jobs & this  
station will provide many jobs to a lot of  
people unemployed many companies close  
out cause the crisis  
Every that they came to merced for  
progress is good for the city  
but if you do this project hire  
people from here, not from another city  
make jobs & give us the privilage  
to work to build the base "we need jobs"  
Thank you



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## Response to Submission 269 (Eduardo Rodriguez, September 14, 2011)

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**269-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-19 and MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 166 (Sohan S Sahota, September 14, 2011)



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166-1

ASK TO START & FINISH SOON



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## Response to Submission 166 (Sohan S Sahota, September 14, 2011)

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### **166-1**

Construction of the Initial Operating Section begins with the Initial Construction Section, or ICS—a 130-mile system “spine” through the Central Valley. The ICS would become the first high-speed rail test track in the nation. The federal government has already provided funding for the ICS, and state funding can be used to match it, allowing construction to begin in late 2012 or 2013, with completion in 2017. HSR construction for Phase 1 will begin in 2012 assuming approval of a state appropriations request to use Proposition 1A bond proceeds to match federal funds, laying the foundation for HSR with the ICS in the Central Valley.

Submission 167 (Socimo Sanchez, September 14, 2011)

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Merced, CA 95340

Board of Supervisors

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EMAIL ADDRESS mysanchez03@hotmail.com

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☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.

☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.

☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

All my livelihood is in Le Grand. I live and work in Le Grand. My income comes from the agriculture land. My house is only yards away from Santa Fe Railroad. I am 59 and almost done paying for my home, I have resided in Le Grand for about 40 years and have built my American Dream in Le Grand.

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4112 POLK ST  
LE GRAND CA 95333-9636

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This would impact myself, ~~an~~ other community members and farmers. Le Grand wouldn't be able to recover from this projects. Because I know I wouldn't qualify for any of the "Jobs this project is said to create." Run this project through Chowchilla they will recover w/out a problem.

Like Always Gov. taking out the little man! When we are the ones that build it! Goodbye Le Grand and my American Dream!

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## Response to Submission 167 (Socimo Sanchez, September 14, 2011)

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### **167-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **167-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-4.

Submission 256 (James Sapee, September 14, 2011)

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Merced, CA 95340

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First Last  
ADDRESS 906 5 Plainsburg Rd to Grand 95333  
Street Address Town/City Zip Code  
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DISTRICT 1 RESIDENT  
906 PLAINSBURG RD  
LE GRAND CA 95333-9749

256-1

Please check all that are applicable.

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

Why run a route to Le Grand and waste all that farm land  
land when there will not be need that much.  
The A2 route makes more sense.

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## Response to Submission 256 (James Sapee, September 14, 2011)

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### **256-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 322 (Carol Schell, Farm Bureau, September 14, 2011)

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Organization/  
Organización: Farm Bureau  
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City, State, Zip code/  
Ciudad, estado, código postal: Merced  
95348

Email address/  
Correo electrónico: cjschell@sbca.org

322-1

I oppose the High Speed Rail for the following reasons:  
1. It has become financially impossible <sup>to fund</sup> without  
ruinous taxes. Foreign countries are heavily subsidizing  
their rail lines to keep them in operation.  
2. I do not believe it wise to seek foreign borrowing to  
pay for the rail. We will be forced to pay them off with our  
tax money (if we ever pay it off). It is poor investment  
3. This will destroy large amounts of farm land & throw  
many farmers & employees out of work.  
4. Money would be better spent building dams &  
improving the track.

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5. The plans are not well thought out. The business  
plan is deficient.  
6. ~~Large part~~ This plan does not follow the guideline  
for where the tracks would go - in transportation  
corridors that already exist.  
7. There are many plans that sound good on paper  
but you really don't know if they are feasible.  
Example: projected ridership from Merced (and other  
places) are over blown. Was the pattern for riders  
taken from LA where transportation modes are different?  
8. I have attempted to read the EIR and find it  
incomprehensible.

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Response to Submission 322 (Carol Schell, Farm Bureau, September 14, 2011)

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**322-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

Submission 333 (Allan R. Schell, September 14, 2011)

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Correo electrónico:

333-1

When the HSR "authorities" present plans that adhere  
to the proposition wording regarding following "existing  
traffic lines"; and if & when the HSR people  
can logically explain the "principal" aspects and  
understanding etc. — then there could possibly be  
a basis for discussion. But thus far, all I  
see is a publicity, political, push which will  
be a disaster !!

Bottom line: where will the multi-billion come from,  
our bankrupt State, Feds or local Gov'ts??

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## Response to Submission 333 (Allan R. Schell, September 14, 2011)

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### **333-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2, MF-Response-GENERAL-18, and MF-Response-GENERAL-6.

Submission 529 (Miguel Soto, September 14, 2011)

529-1

20 MR. SOTO: My name is Miguel Soto and this is  
21 obtaining to both parts of the railway. I just have some  
22 questions that I hope to be addressed at the meeting  
23 today.  
24 The first is, right now Amtrak has 14,000  
25 boarders per year. How many does high-speed rail get per

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1 year and how do you get that estimate?  
2 And for local funding, what are the costs that's  
3 going to be used by Merced County for the Central Valley  
4 for like the train station or any other costs that have  
5 been associated with the high-speed railroad?  
6 And why does the estimate for parking spaces for  
7 the train station at Merced cost as much as LAX?  
8 And what is the estimated cost of infrastructure  
9 for a possible maintenance line for Castle?  
10 And why not use a profitable route first instead  
11 of the Central Valley?  
12 How will the station reroute to the downtown  
13 areas in the high-speed rail line?  
14 And why will the public use high-speed rail  
15 compared to other transportation methods such as planes?  
16 And how can replacing the by sector jobs that we  
17 have currently to public sector jobs be beneficial to the  
18 community?  
19 And which local jobs would be available due to  
20 high-speed rail?  
21 That's all pretty much.

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## Response to Submission 529 (Miguel Soto, September 14, 2011)

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### 529-1

See MF-Response-GENERAL-6.

Refer to Chapter 6, Ridership and Revenue, in the California High-Speed Rail Program 2012 Business Plan for information on ridership including the methodology, assumptions, and input data used in development of the ridership numbers.

### 529-2

See MF-Response-GENERAL-18.

Refer to Chapter 5, Project Costs and Operations, in the EIR/EIS for complete information on the capital cost of the HST alternatives and heavy maintenance facilities.

### 529-3

The country's first high-speed rail section requires the resolution of regulatory, safety, and technical issues and operational development before operations can begin. All future rolling stock, signaling and control systems, turnouts, and electric power systems need to be tested as a complete system. The only feasible location to do this is in the stretch of 120 miles or more in the Central Valley. See MF-Response-GENERAL-13 for information on the the Initial Construction Segment.

The Downtown Merced and Fresno station areas would each occupy several blocks, to include the station plazas, drop-offs, multimodal transit centers, and parking structures. The areas would include the station platform and associated building and access structures, as well as lengths of platform track to accommodate local and express service at the stations. Chapter 2, Alternatives, Section 2.4.2.4, Stations, includes additional detail about the stations.

California's population is growing rapidly, and unless new transportation solutions are identified, traffic will only get worse and airport delays will continue to increase. The proposed 220 mph high-speed train system will provide lower passenger costs than travel by air for the same city-to-city markets. It will increase mobility while reducing air pollution, decreasing our dependency on fossil fuels, and protecting the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainable development. By moving people quicker and cheaper than today, the system will boost California's productivity.

### 529-3

The system will also enhance the economy. In November 2008, California voters passed Proposition 1A which provides \$9 billion towards the implementation of high-speed rail service in California. Please see the certified Statewide Program EIR/EIS (November 2005) for more information in regard to the rationale for building the proposed high-speed rail system. See also the discussion under Section 1.2.4 Statewide and Regional Need in the Draft EIR/EIS.

### 529-4

See MF-Response-GENERAL-19 and MF-Response-SOCIAL-3.

Submission 243 (Lana Spurlock, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 243 (Lana Spurlock, September 14, 2011)

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### **243-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 303 (Dennis Spurlock, September 14, 2011)

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303-1

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303-2

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

I do not support either route. We may  
need high speed rail, but now is not  
the time. I do not have extra money to  
spend, nor does our state or federal governments.  
The estimate of 46 billion will be twice  
that before it is completed

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## Response to Submission 303 (Dennis Spurlock, September 14, 2011)

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### **303-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **303-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

Submission 531 (Brian Stanke, Californians for High-Speed Rail, September 14, 2011)

531-1

15 MR. STANKE: Yes. My name is Brian Stanke. I am  
16 with the Californians For High-Speed Rail. I want to say  
17 the multiple benefits that high-speed rail would bring to  
18 this area and to this state in general.

19 The tens of thousands of construction jobs they  
20 would start in the next year. The vital importance then  
21 for both Merced and Fresno and all station areas would  
22 bring tens of billions of investment and growth with  
23 high-speed rail operational. As seen in over a dozen  
24 countries, high-speed rail has actually operated earnings.

25 Specifically for Merced to Fresno, the

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1 accessibility that would be created for businesses and  
2 downtowns and also for tourism, making these two cities  
3 from three to six hours away to metropolitan within one or  
4 two hours.

5 And finally, accessibility. I just want to  
6 sympathize with the members of the Authority and the FRA  
7 and other agencies. This is the time with the draft to  
8 make our final alignment decisions and there will be  
9 trade-offs. There will be impacts whether we take  
10 alignments that go straight through the cows or avoid the  
11 farmland. See impacts to city residents. We design a  
12 bypass to impact the cities, we will impact farmland. The  
13 Authority needs to make sure to fully mitigate those  
14 impacts, what those are a part of the benefits of.

15 One area I was disappointed in seeing in the  
16 Draft EIR, I was hoping to see more inspiration around  
17 transportation impacts on the stations. The Authority has  
18 a policy discussing the use of satellite parking  
19 facilities but none have been looked at for the Merced or  
20 Fresno station. It looks like all parking facilities are  
21 off site.

22 We had several members of the public today that  
23 were concerned about southwest of Colony Road. I would  
24 ask the Authority to look at whether that was discussed  
25 looking at the Merced hospitals with off site parking

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Submission 531 (Brian Stanke, Californians for High-Speed Rail, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 facility whether that would work or not. I'm looking at  
2 where off site satellite facilities would be used to free  
3 up the land for more economic beneficial development where  
4 our station would have serviced parking. That would  
5 dramatically reduce the impacts of those neighborhoods.  
6 Southwest of Colony Lane is not a parking lot but a new  
7 development, that would actually help shield the existing  
8 housing from any noise impacts and it would improve the  
9 property values and the quality of life there as opposed  
10 to what's currently the service parking.  
11 That's pretty much it. We will be submitting  
12 written comments. Thank you.

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## Response to Submission 531 (Brian Stanke, Californians for High-Speed Rail, September 14, 2011)

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### **531-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

### **531-2**

See MF-Response-TRAFFIC-5.

## HIGH SPEED RAIL COMMENT SHEET

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292-1

☒ I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE A-2 HIGH SPEED RAIL ROUTE ALTERNATIVE (UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD/HIGHWAY 99) AND AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE ALTERNATIVE.

☐ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.

☐ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Best RTE in A-2-99 RTE-  
is a STRAIGHT SHOT EAST-ER-LESS  
DISRUPTION & DISTURBS TO ALL COMMUNITIES  
- LEAVE FARMLAND ALONE-  
PEOPLE NEED TO EAT & GROW CROPS  
- IT'S COMMON SENSE-

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## Response to Submission 292 (Donna and Marie Stewart, September 14, 2011)

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### **292-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.



Submission 182 (Tom Stillman, September 14, 2011)

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182-1

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

182-2

I ALSO STRONGLY DO NOT  
SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF  
THE HIGH SPEED RAIL AS IT IS BEING  
PRESENTED. Tom Stillman

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## Response to Submission 182 (Tom Stillman, September 14, 2011)

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### **182-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **182-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

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## Response to Submission 226 (Matt Stimple, September 14, 2011)

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### **226-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 229 (Karen Stimple, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 229 (Karen Stimple, September 14, 2011)

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### 229-1

MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 489 (Robert Strickland, Double Creek Ranch & Dairy, September 14, 2011)

24 Mr. Strickland. Robert Strickland.  
25 MR. STRICKLAND: My name is Rob Strickland. I'm  
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1 here with my wife, Vickie. We're owners of the Double  
2 Creek Ranch & Dairy on 1320 Martin Luther Drive. We are  
3 here with my son and daughter-in-law, Matt. They operate  
4 a dairy. We're owners of the land and operate the dairy.  
5 I got my daughter Kate in the back.

6 We're concerned with the Merced to Fresno route,  
7 particularly A-1 section which goes right down the middle  
8 of our existing dairy. Gallo's on one side and we're the  
9 other. This will be our second proceeding before you  
10 folks.

11 In a prior letter we expressed our concerns that  
12 the rail line ran through the middle of our dairy which  
13 makes it impossible to continue to dairy in that spot  
14 there. We would have to relocate in the time that we are  
15 destroying the dairy to the time we can -- if even  
16 possible to find a new property for the dairy. In the  
17 State of California it's almost impossible to find land,  
18 construct a dairy with all the tremendous restrictions  
19 there are. Our entire property and dairy facility would  
20 have to be condemned.

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21 We're wondering why Senate Congressman Cardoza,  
22 why an alternative loop is not being considered. We have  
23 an established system and they built the highway system in  
24 the Valleys in the 1950s and the 1970s of taking small  
25 loops around the town, and the loop A-1 goes way out and

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Submission 489 (Robert Strickland, Double Creek Ranch & Dairy, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 destroys a lot of agricultural land and costs a lot of  
2 money.  
3 This day and age we have extreme budgetary  
4 problems but will go to spend that much money to go that  
5 far off the road when we could simply follow the existing  
6 lines and railroad that already exists. We think that  
7 will be a much smaller alternative and we hope that you  
8 folks would take that into consideration. Thank you.

10 MR. STRICKLAND: We have copies over there for  
11 the media if they want them.



## Response to Submission 489 (Robert Strickland, Double Creek Ranch & Dairy, September 14, 2011)

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### **489-1**

See MF-Response-AGRICULTURE-6 and MF-Response-GENERAL-4.

### **489-2**

The Authority has reviewed the alignment along the Mission Avenue Design Option to consider shifting or modifying the design to avoid the dairy property. A shift in the alignment would require the alignment shifting at both the departure from where the HST crosses SR99 and where it aligns north of LeGrand since small avoidance that require curvatures are not feasible at the required HST speeds. A shift north would impact far more natural and irrigation waterways and a shift southward would impact the SR99 and Mission Avenue interchange, both of these impacts result in larger proportional impacts than the relocation of a dairy. This does not mean that relocating a dairy is not considered a substantial effect. The Authority is researching their ability to facilitate these relocations if necessary. However, it may also be of interest to note that the Authority has identified the Preferred Alternative as the Hybrid Alternative which does not incur this impact on this dairy.

Submission 302 (David Strobel, September 14, 2011)

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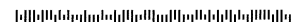
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302-1

Please check all that are applicable.

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- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.
- ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

302-2

I HAVE PROPERTY IN DOWNTOWN MERCED THAT  
IS IN PROPOSED STATION SITE. THAT I  
CAN LIVE WITH. THE PROPOSED "LE GRAND BYPASS"  
APPEARS TO BE ON MY PROPERTY THAT IS  
WAY TO CLOSE TO MY HOUSE, THAT WILL  
RUIN MY PROPERTY VALUE

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## Response to Submission 302 (David Strobel, September 14, 2011)

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### **302-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **302-2**

See MF-Response-SOCIAL-2, MF-Response-GENERAL-8, and MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

Submission 249 (James Tesone, September 14, 2011)

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249-1

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 249 (James Tesone, September 14, 2011)

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### **249-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 194 (Ronald Tesone, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comments as to why you support an A-2 route.

I sincerely hope that high-speed  
rail lives up to expectations.  
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## Response to Submission 194 (Ronald Tesone, September 14, 2011)

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### **194-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 545 (Ms. Thelen, September 14, 2011)

545-1

19 MS. THELEN: You gave my name, so okay. Yeah. A  
20 little flustered. Got the context of the flow here.  
21 I just wanted to stand up and say that I oppose  
22 this project because I think it's fiscally irresponsible.  
23 I mean it's not what people voted for. The costs have  
24 just gone through the moon, and our country is broke. Our  
25 state is pretty much broke too. So we're spending money

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1 we don't have.  
2 And then our businesses are leaving like crazy  
3 from this state because of all the regulatory burdens and  
4 how badly they are treated. How is that going to help  
5 sustain a ridership that, you know, you guys are  
6 projecting greater population? Unless there's a big  
7 change, people are leaving this state like crazy.

8 But then there's also this thing where in the  
9 original initiative that it was not supposed to be  
10 subsidized. And I guess that we have bondholders that  
11 want to demand a guarantee of revenue from the government  
12 which is prohibited by 2704 subsection 08J and I3034.

13 And so instead of trying to find a way to bend  
14 the rules, why don't we invest in things that are more  
15 fiscally responsible like raising dams. That would  
16 provide jobs.

17 Have you figured out how cost effective it could  
18 be? There's other projects that we need to do in our  
19 state that will help us like managing our water better.

20 Thank you.



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## Response to Submission 545 (Ms. Thelen, September 14, 2011)

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### **545-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14 and MF-Response-GENERAL-18.

### **545-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-3 AND MF-Response-GENERAL-6.

### **545-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-18.

In 2008, the California Legislative Analyst's Office estimated the cost of Proposition 1A to be approximately \$19.4 billion. This assumed that the bonds would be sold at an average interest rate of 5 percent, and assuming a repayment period of 30 years. This would include the cost of both principal (\$9.95 billion) and interest (\$9.5 billion). The actual cost of repaying these bonds depends upon the interest rate offered at the time of sale and on the bond's length of maturity. The high-speed rail project is not directly funded by the state's general fund (i.e., it is not a line item in the budget). However, the State's general fund will be tapped to pay back the bonded indebtedness incurred.

Submission 168 (Steve Tinetti, September 14, 2011)

Comment Period Extended to  
October 13, 2011

El periodo a nacer comentarios  
está prolongado hasta del  
13 de octubre de 2011



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Comment Card  
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The comment period on the Draft EIR/EIS begins  
August 15, 2011 and ends September 28, 2011.  
Comments received after 5:00 p.m. on **September  
28, 2011** will not be addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.

El periodo a hacer comentarios empieza a 15 de  
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168-1 (1) HAVE YOU CONSIDERED INCORPORATING SOLAR PANELS ALONG THE  
RIGHT OF WAY, PERHAPS YOU COULD SOL THE RIGHTS TO A JOINT  
COMPANY

168-2 (2) HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PUTTING A LARGE NATURAL GAS  
LINE WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY (OR SECURING AN EASEMENT  
TO A PRIVATE COMPANY, P.E., SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA) SO  
THAT IT WOULD ENABLE DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL  
GAS ALONG THE DD CORRIDOR FOR VEHICLE'S CO-ESSION  
BY NATURAL GAS

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## Response to Submission 168 (Steve Tinetti, September 14, 2011)

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### **168-1**

The Authority policy is, to the extent that is reasonable and feasible, exclude access points for utilities from within access controlled right-of-way. This policy is intended to provide a safe environment for operation of HST, minimize the disruption to the traveling public, and assure safety of utility employees during maintenance of utility facilities. However, the Authority has issued a policy commitment to sustainability and maximum use of renewable energy resources. For more information on the Authority's commitment please see MF-Response-PUE-4. Design reviews will consider sustainability practices, so ideas such as solar panels on roofs may be a consideration.

### **168-2**

The Authority policy is, to the extent that is reasonable and feasible, exclude access points for utilities from within access controlled right-of-way. This policy is intended to provide a safe environment for operation of HST, minimize the disruption to the traveling public, and assure safety of utility employees during maintenance of utility facilities. However, the Authority has issued a policy commitment to sustainability and maximum use of renewable energy resources. Design reviews will consider sustainability practices, so ideas such as solar panels on roofs would be a consideration.

Submission 541 (Steve Tinetti, Merced Boosters Club, September 14, 2011)

541-1

1 Steve Tinetti. Please tell us what section you  
2 are speaking on.  
3 MR. TINETTI: Pardon me?  
4 MS. RANDELL: Tell us what section your comments  
5 apply to.  
6 MR. TINETTI: Both. Both sections. Just general  
7 comment. I represent the Merced Boosters. I'm president  
8 of the boosters. But I'm also speaking on my own behalf.  
9 I'm very much in favor of this project. I've  
10 heard -- and I'm sure it's probably been spoke to tonight.  
11 I'm sorry. I just got here. I will probably be repeating  
12 something.  
13 But I hear this will take the place of somewhere  
14 around 800 miles of freeway that will be necessary to  
15 support the traffic that's going to be generated by  
16 population increase. I would much rather have high-speed  
17 rail to take the place of that and get all those cars off  
18 the road. So our biggest problem other than water itself  
19 is the air quality we have in this whole bowl of the  
20 Valley and a great way to do that.  
21 I would say, however -- suggest you would call  
22 the ag people and really seriously try to address their  
23 concerns, because I think that's probably the biggest  
24 issue you have for support on this is to get the people  
25 behind you.

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1 But I've been told and I'm sure if it's true or  
2 not, that 90 percent I think of all the traffic between --  
3 or all the people that travel between Paris and Luxembourg  
4 goes by high-speed rail and that 70 percent of all the  
5 traffic between London and Paris is now by high-speed  
6 rail. It's taken over because it's much more efficient.  
7 So I think that it's a very, very positive  
8 project, and I hope that we can see far enough in the  
9 future with projects similar to the central water project  
10 and the canals. Even I-5. And the freeway system itself,  
11 we used to be the leader in the world for transportation.  
12 And we've kind of let it deteriorate over the years  
13 because of infrastructure. The times they were built, the  
14 same issues were brought up: What we are going to do?  
15 Are we going to be able to pay for it? It's also come  
16 about. You just have to have the vision to pursue it.  
17 I'm glad you are here. Thank you.

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Response to Submission 541 (Steve Tinetti, Merced Boosters Club, September 14, 2011)

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**541-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9 and MF-Response-GENERAL-4.

Submission 334 (Alfredo Torres, September 14, 2011)

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## Response to Submission 334 (Alfredo Torres, September 14, 2011)

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### **334-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

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## Response to Submission 195 (Robert Trost, September 14, 2011)

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### **195-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 500 (Nate Tucker, Operating Engineers Local 3, September 14, 2011)

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22 MR. TUCKER: Good afternoon. My name is Nate  
23 Tucker. I'm a union representative for the Operating  
24 Engineers Local 3, and my comments are going to be  
25 specific to no single section but more the project in a

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1 whole.

2 I hear the word "jobs" thrown out there nonstop  
3 over this project, and I'm afraid that like many other  
4 times when the word is thrown out there over and over and  
5 over again, it loses its luster or loses its effect. So I  
6 want to share with you my experiences dealing with  
7 out-of-work people and hopefully bring that word "jobs"  
8 back into perspective.

9 I manage a district office in Stockton that  
10 covers six -- six counties, many of the workers of whom  
11 would be employed on this segment of -- the Merced segment  
12 of this project. We have a huge amount of unemployment  
13 right now and we've been dealing with that for three or  
14 four years.

15 But the part that's really got me here lately is  
16 for the last year or so we have had on a weekly and daily  
17 basis veterans from the Iraq war, Afghanistan war coming  
18 into our offices and asking for work opportunities. And  
19 as heartbreaking as it is for us to not be able to provide  
20 work opportunities for our current membership, it's ten  
21 times more heartbreaking to watch that young serviceman or  
22 servicewoman walk out our front door dejected and  
23 disappointed that we don't have anything to offer them  
24 right now.

25 This project by itself could employ every veteran

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Submission 500 (Nate Tucker, Operating Engineers Local 3, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 coming back from those wars. Every one of them. And when  
2 we talk about -- I heard people come up to the microphone  
3 and talk about sacrificing acres of land or worried about  
4 sacrificing a buck or a dollar to a tax that they may  
5 incur. It's irritating to me that these folks don't think  
6 of the sacrifices of the workers who have been out of work  
7 for this state for four years because of what went on in  
8 the housing crash and for the veterans that are coming  
9 home seeking employment.

10 This project, like every other project that's  
11 ever happened, is going to have the naysayers and it's  
12 going to have its pitfalls, but it needs to happen. You  
13 don't take a step towards greatness, whether it's with  
14 something you do in your life or an infrastructure  
15 project, without getting over those hurdles and mitigating  
16 those problems.

17 And in no way do I want to say that the people  
18 don't have valid concerns about their farmland, about the  
19 viability of their tax dollars, but I just want to express  
20 to everybody in this room tonight that when you are  
21 thinking about the sacrifices, think about everybody and  
22 think about all the sacrifices that your fellow man and  
23 fellow citizens have made.

24 Thank you.

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Response to Submission 500 (Nate Tucker, Operating Engineers Local 3, September 14, 2011)

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**500-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-19.

Submission 201 (Pam Upton, September 14, 2011)

Comment Period Extended to  
October 13, 2011

El periodo a hacer comentarios  
está prolongado hasta del  
13 de octubre de 2011



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The comment period on the Draft EIR/EIS begins  
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Again, I am writing against the high speed rail  
leaving established transportation routes. This rail  
is not what Californians voted for. Going through  
Ag land harms agriculture + the people that live  
+ work there.

201-2

I've filled out comments over + over at these  
meetings + it seems as if it doesn't really matter what  
I say.



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## Response to Submission 201 (Pam Upton, September 14, 2011)

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### **201-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2 and MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

### **201-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-17.

Submission 533 (Kole Upton, Preserve Our Heritage, September 14, 2011)

12 MR. UPTON: Thank you. My name is Kole Upton.  
13 I'm a farmer in Southern Merced County and also part of an  
14 organization called Preserve Our Heritage including Merced  
15 to San Jose. We appreciate that. We appreciate Mr. Van  
16 Ark in working with us and especially Senator Galgiani and  
17 Mr. Adam who got us in the room.

18 For a long time you have listened to us farmers.  
19 We have an existing infrastructure here that took decades  
20 to develop to support our farmers and the associated  
21 industries and it's important that you integrate your  
22 program in with ours. We can do that if we work together.

23 I have some written things I'm going to submit  
24 here. I'm going to submit a lot more as time goes on.

25 This is a letter from the biggest farming

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1 operation in California, the J.G. Boswell company, asking  
2 for an extension to six months of review of the EIR. And  
3 their reasoning is you can read 300 pages a day and still  
4 not cover all this thing in the 60 days allotted. We  
5 support that. If you are going to do this project right,  
6 you need to look at it. You need to give us time to  
7 digest it.

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8 Secondly, I have a copy of a letter that we  
9 submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration back in  
10 December of 2010, nine months ago, asking for some  
11 information from them. We received information from the  
12 high-speed rail of California that one of the routes that  
13 was put on here was put on at the insistence of the  
14 Federal Railroad Administration. The route that was put  
15 on on the West Chowchilla bypass option is an abomination.  
16 It goes through all of our canals, knocks out pumps, and  
17 it is not on existing corridor and that is a problem. We  
18 do not know how we as public officials in the water  
19 district, for instance, can comment on something if we  
20 don't know whose suggestion it is and why. So we need to  
21 have some open process here if this is going to work.

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22 The last thing I would present to you is I  
23 started going through the 28,000 pages and I got stopped  
24 on 2-21 on the alternatives. I'll submit a copy. What it  
25 says, and I'm going to quote, forth paragraph, "The hybrid

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Submission 533 (Kole Upton, Preserve Our Heritage, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 alternative also follows transportation corridors." I  
2 don't know how to put it delicately, but that's an  
3 outright falsehood. Where it goes in Merced County,  
4 there's not a county easement, there's not a road, not  
5 even a local rabbit's use as a thoroughfare.

6 So if -- we're going to have to get our act  
7 together and work together. If you say it's a  
8 transportation corridor, then it needs to be a  
9 transportation corridor. I cannot review a document that  
10 is blatantly a falsehood.

11 Yes, we are willing to work with you. And so far  
12 compliments to Mr. Abercrombie and Mr. Valentine. They  
13 both are good to work with. We are willing to do it in  
14 the future. But I got to tell you if you push us in a  
15 corner, you're not going to give us any opportunity but to  
16 fight you. We don't want to do that, so I hope you would  
17 listen and work with us.

18 Thank you very much. Who do I give this to?

19 MS. RANDELL: Mr. Upton, are your comments  
20 relevant to both Merced to Fresno and Fresno to  
21 Bakersfield section?

22 MR. UPTON: They are. As far as the request for  
23 the six months they are, yes.



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## Response to Submission 533 (Kole Upton, Preserve Our Heritage, September 14, 2011)

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### **533-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-7.

### **533-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2. See also the responses to comments #2007 through #2011.

### **533-3**

Through Merced County the Hybrid Alternative follows the same route as the UPRR/SR 99 Alternative which is adjacent to the SR 99 and UPRR corridors. Proposition 1A (2008) calls for the HST alignment to follow existing transportation or utility corridors to the extent feasible. However, due to HST engineering and operational needs, it cannot feasibly be built solely within the existing transportation corridors. Existing corridors are not sufficiently straight nor are their curve radii long enough to support high speed operation along their full lengths. Safety considerations also dictate the need to separate the HST from roads and conventional rail (see Section 2.4.2.1, Alignment Requirements).

Further, to make greater use of existing corridors, additional right-of-way would be needed to provide sufficient width and curve radii for high speed operations. This would necessitate acquisition and removal of substantially greater numbers of homes and businesses to expand and straighten these corridors, with greatly increased impacts on existing communities as the alignments pass through urban areas. In compliance with the objective of using existing corridors where feasible, in making decisions regarding HST alignments and station locations, the Authority and the FRA have gone to great lengths to maximize the feasible use of existing transportation corridors and to minimize impacts on both agricultural lands and communities. Accordingly, the Authority and FRA have eliminated potential "new corridor" alignment alternatives to the west and east of SR 99 from further consideration and have identified downtown station locations for study in Merced and Fresno. These downtown locations would help to minimize impacts on agriculture while promoting urban infill development.

Submission 534 (Kris Upton, September 14, 2011)

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3 MS. UPTON: I believe that the high-speed rail  
4 project should be stopped altogether because there's not  
5 enough money, federal or state, to build a high-speed rail  
6 project. The high-speed rail has no sound business plan  
7 yet as required by law.

8 It is not following the existing transportation  
9 corridors as required by law. The proposed routes do  
10 massive damage to farmland instead of minimum impact to  
11 farmland.

12 The high-speed rail figures such as ridership are  
13 not accurate. All the independent studies of the  
14 high-speed rail project conclude that the project is not  
15 feasible. The high-speed rail cannot be built without  
16 substantial increase of funds over original costs. They  
17 admitted it the other day.

18 The high-speed rail project in its current form  
19 does not meet the requirements that the California voters  
20 approved when they voted for the high-speed rail. It's  
21 estimated that the high-speed rail is spending a million  
22 dollars doing just this right now, promoting the current  
23 routes. A million dollars a day just to promote what we  
24 are looking at today.

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25 It will be difficult for trains to maintain

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1 speeds in excess of 200 miles when using the proposed  
2 routes. There's other projects where we could use the  
3 money better such as building dams, fixing bridges,  
4 highways.

5 California legislative budgets analysis office  
6 has been highly critical on how the project has been  
7 managed. If the high-speed rail does not finish the first  
8 segment from Madera down to Bakersfield, Amtrak can have  
9 it. Amtrak doesn't need another track there. It already  
10 has one. It needs one from Bakersfield to LA. You have  
11 to ride the bus. So if you are doing anything with the  
12 money, give it to Amtrak and let them finish their route.

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13 But if the high-speed rail must be built, if it  
14 must be built, I would suggest that you build it from LA  
15 to San Francisco using Interstate 5 for the following  
16 reasons.

17 There will be a high ridership following existing  
18 transportation corridors. It will have a minimum impact  
19 on farmland. It will be in accordance with what the  
20 Californians voted for. Trains will be able to get to  
21 speeds in excess of 200 miles an hour and maintain those  
22 speeds.

23 Every person that visits me from other countries  
24 that has high-speed rail just throws their arms up in the  
25 air: Why is it going down I-5? They love high-speed rail

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Submission 534 (Kris Upton, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1     in other countries and the people say: Gee, really great  
2     concept if it's done right. If you went down I-5, I think  
3     you could pull it off.  
4             Thank you.  
5             MS. RANDELL: Do your comments pertain to both  
6     sections?  
7             MS. UPTON: Yes.

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## Response to Submission 534 (Kris Upton, September 14, 2011)

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### **534-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14, MF-Response-GENERAL-6, MF-Response-GENERAL-2, MF-Response-GENERAL-18.

### **534-2**

A key objective of the high-speed train (HST) project is to build and operate a high speed rail system capable of operating at 220 miles per hour.

### **534-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-2 under the subheading "I-5 Alignment."

Submission 324 (Anne and Rogette Van der Meer, September 14, 2011)

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324-2 Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

with our federal and state government's  
broke(D). Why would you even think  
of building a high speed rail for the  
government to have another thing to  
subsidise? We need to cut back-  
not make more expenses!

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## Response to Submission 324 (Anne and Rogette Van der Meer, September 14, 2011)

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### **324-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **324-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

Submission 525 (Magdalena Villalobos, September 14, 2011)

525-1

15 MS. VILLALOBOS: (Through the Interpreter.) My  
16 name is Magdalena Villalobos, and I live on Colony Lane  
17 which would be right in front of the proposed parking  
18 structure. And my concern is I have kids and it would be  
19 highly unsafe for the kids to be out in the street and  
20 play.  
21 I agree that there would be more jobs created but  
22 my concern is why couldn't it be placed somewhere else  
23 where there is open lots that wouldn't impact us.  
24 While construction is underway there's going to  
25 be a lot of dust. What is going -- that's going to affect

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1 the kids.  
2 And if by any chance to take our house, it's not  
3 going to be fair that you would probably pay us current  
4 market value even though we paid a lot more. If you were  
5 to pay us current market value, there's going to be  
6 negative what we owe the bank and what you pay us. And  
7 what are we going to do with that?  
8 And like I said, my biggest concern would be the  
9 safety for the kids. There would be for that parking  
10 structure right in front of our house. There would be no  
11 place for the kids to play. And so concerned about the  
12 dust, how it's going to impact the kids.  
13 That's it. Thank you very much.

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## Response to Submission 525 (Magdalena Villalobos, September 14, 2011)

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### **525-1**

An analysis of Children's Health and Safety has been completed for the Merced to Fresno Section of the HST project. The complete analysis is located in Appendix D, Children's Health and Safety Assessment, in the Community Impact Assessment and in Section 3.12.5, Socioeconomics, Communities, and Environmental Justice.

### **525-2**

See MF-Response-SOCIAL-1.



Submission 232 (Lazaro and Maria Villarreal, September 14, 2011)

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  - ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
  - ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

We like the small town atmosphere  
and historic character Le Grand has  
also too many people would end up  
losing employment

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## Response to Submission 232 (Lazaro and Maria Villarreal, September 14, 2011)

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### **232-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10 and MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 177 (Soto Virginia, September 14, 2011)

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- ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

I DO NOT SUPPORT THE High Speed Rail -  
I believe it is a big fat waste of  
money - people do not need to get  
from point A to point B any faster than  
they do now! The nation is in a crisis -

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## Response to Submission 177 (Soto Virginia, September 14, 2011)

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### 177-1

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 314 (Bruce Wells, September 14, 2011)

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Please check all that are applicable.

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 314 (Bruce Wells, September 14, 2011)

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### **314-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

Submission 315 (Betty Wells, September 14, 2011)

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Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 315 (Betty Wells, September 14, 2011)

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### **315-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.



Submission 160 (Wells Nut Farm Inc Wells Nut Farm Inc, Wells Nut Farm Inc, September 14, 2011)

**HIGH SPEED RAIL COMMENT SHEET**

Please complete and mail this sheet to the following address:

Attention: Supervisor John Pedrozo

County of Merced

2222 M Street

Merced, CA 95340

NAME Wells Nut Farm Inc  
First Last  
ADDRESS Fresno Rd LeGrand Ca 95333  
Street Address Town/City Zip Code  
MAILING ADDRESS  
(IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) Address Town/City Zip Code  
TELEPHONE NUMBER (209) 389-4025  
EMAIL ADDRESS Wells 5 Nuts @ AOL . Com

☒ Please check here if you would like me to notify you via email or mail of upcoming High Speed Rail public hearings or meetings for the next 12 months.

Please check all that are applicable.

- 160-1
- ☒ I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE A-2 HIGH SPEED RAIL ROUTE ALTERNATIVE (UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD/HIGHWAY 99) AND AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE ALTERNATIVE.
  - ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT'S CLOSEST TO A MAJOR TRANSPORTION CORRIDOR.
  - ☒ I SUPPORT THE A-2 ROUTE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAST IMPACT FARMLAND AND HABITAT AREAS.
  - ☒ I AM AGAINST THE A-1 ROUTE BECAUSE IT MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN.

Please provide any additional reasons or comment as to why you support an A-2 route.

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## Response to Submission 160 (Wells Nut Farm Inc Wells Nut Farm Inc, Wells Nut Farm Inc, September 14, 2011)

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### **160-1**

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Submission 516 (Rick Wendling, September 14, 2011)

516-1

20 MR. WENDLING: Good afternoon. My name is Rick  
21 Wendling. I cannot think of a bigger waste of taxpayer  
22 monies than to build high-speed rail, let alone in the  
23 Valley.

24 I started out many years ago commenting on the  
25 freeway extension from Livermore to the Hemets Freeway. I

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1 suggested at that time that the Caltrans be kind enough to  
2 build the most expensive part, that is the one at the  
3 Hemets Juncture out through Castro Valley, and then leave  
4 the cheaper sections out in the broader areas till last.  
5 Of course Caltrans didn't do it. They didn't do that.  
6 They built the cheap parts first and left the more  
7 expensive time-consuming traffic-clogging sections to  
8 last.

9 Well, ladies and gentlemen, that's just what the  
10 federal rail people and the high-speed rail people here in  
11 California are going to do to the San Joaquin Valley. It  
12 sounds good but the jobs are probably going to be union  
13 jobs which is about seven or eight percent of the federal  
14 work force, national work force. Most of the jobs are  
15 non-union jobs. You are going to have a tough time  
16 filling those slots with regular people.

17 So you are going to waste tons of taxpayer money.  
18 You are going to leave the most expensive parts until  
19 last.

20 What the people in Merced and San Joaquin Valley  
21 need are better maintained highways. All the goods and  
22 services move on the highways and don't move by high-speed  
23 rail. I need to get from San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose  
24 to Los Angeles, I will jump on an airplane and be in a cab  
25 within two hours. And you are not going to move me or

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Submission 516 (Rick Wendling, September 14, 2011) - Continued

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1 very many people on high-speed rail and make it pay.  
2 Furthermore, it isn't going to pay. Without  
3 taxpayer subsidies, this high-speed rail is going to be  
4 another big taxpayer money sinkhole. It's not going to  
5 pay for itself. Amtrak doesn't pay for itself and it just  
6 stays afloat because of taxpayer subsidies. It's making  
7 you people feel good while the rest of the country --  
8 let's talk about 14 to a hundred trillion dollars in debt.  
9 I have more to say but I've taken -- my time is  
10 up. Thank you very much.  
11 MS. RANDELL: Your comments apply to?  
12 MR. WENDLING: To both sections. All sections.

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## Response to Submission 516 (Rick Wendling, September 14, 2011)

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### **516-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-14.

### **516-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-18 and MF-Response-GENERAL-19.

### **516-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-6 and MF-Response-GENERAL-18.

According to the International Union of Railways, high-speed rail systems around the world achieve positive operating revenues. (Refer to the November 2011 Draft 2012 Business Plan, page 1-11.)

## HIGH SPEED RAIL COMMENT SHEET

Merced, CA 95340

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## Response to Submission 204 (Pat and Gerry Westfall, September 14, 2011)

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### **204-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10. Also see Chapter 7 Preferred Alternative of the EIR/EIS which summarizes the relative differences between the alternatives and identifies the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the Merced to Fresno Section.

### **204-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-6 and MF-Response-GENERAL-18.

Submission 538 (Chris White, Central California Irrigation District, September 14, 2011)

1 MR. WHITE: Hello. I'm Chris White. I'm the  
2 general manager of the Central California Irrigation  
3 District. Thank you for having this time of day to take  
4 -- to take comments on the EIS/EIR.

5 First of all, I would like to say that we agree  
6 in specifically comments about representing private  
7 property rights with the physical amount of the facility  
8 and having to provide for access and so forth. You know  
9 we stand here on the west side with two not so recent  
10 examples of facilities that were built to our system that  
11 disrupted farming.

12 One -- first of all, we had one built here, the  
13 federal facility. It was built down off the foothills and  
14 into the ag land pretty significantly. Even though it had  
15 road crossings every half a mile, the way it cut through  
16 farmland and the way it severed farms, we're still paying  
17 the price today, both from what it cost those landowners  
18 in order to operate their farms on both sides of the  
19 alignment and what it cost the government in order to  
20 facilitate it. Drainage line, irrigation line, all of  
21 that stuff has to be taken care of. And it costs a lot of  
22 money. As the facility ages, it gets more expensive in  
23 order to operate.

24 The same thing occurred when the California  
25 Aqueduct was built 1967. You learn a few lessons. You

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1 build a little bit higher on the hill.

2 We're asking that you look at those facilities  
3 and use the lessons learned in that and protect farmland  
4 and respect it and respect our irrigation facilities,  
5 drainage routes, routine access routes. When farmers  
6 access their daily operations on one side of the alignment  
7 to the other, provide ways for the farmers to get across  
8 in a reasonable way to access and inexpensively access it.

9 We want to be informed partners in this process  
10 and we will be looking at the document and commenting  
11 along those lines. But nonetheless we're not going to  
12 stand by and let the program have a lot of expense to an  
13 already stressed agricultural industry and put a large  
14 proportion of our farms out of business.

15 Thank you.



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Response to Submission 538 (Chris White, Central California Irrigation District, September 14, 2011)

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**538-1**

See MF-Response-AGRICULTURE-2 and AGRICULTURE-4.

Submission 200 (Patrick Woodbury, September 14, 2011)

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I think that this project is a good step  
in modernizing California. ~~The~~ The job  
market needs a <sup>new</sup> permanent opening like what  
could come from HSR. The effects of  
this train environmentally to both natural areas  
and developed areas. The Central Valley, that suffers  
from unemployment and underemployment, could  
greatly benefit from both construction jobs, maintenance  
jobs, secondary jobs from affected business and  
municipalities.

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Response to Submission 200 (Patrick Woodbury, September 14, 2011)

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**200-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 504 (Patrick Woodbury, September 14, 2011)

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15 MR. WOODBURY: Hello. My name is Patrick  
16 Woodbury. I am a freshman at UC Merced. I'm commenting  
17 on both sections of the high-speed rail.

18 I think that this is a good benefit for the  
19 Central Valley. The job benefit not only for the  
20 construction area but also for the jobs which is running  
21 the stations will be very good. If you don't do the plan,  
22 then we have to eventually start opening up the highway  
23 and taking up a lot of development as well as agricultural  
24 land. At the same time it's not creating permanent jobs.  
25 Just some construction to open up the highway. With

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1 high-speed rail you can have just new jobs throughout the  
2 whole Central Valley that's very hard hit with  
3 unemployment and underemployment. And that's not only  
4 making it hard for individual people but increasing the  
5 crime rate through the cities.

6 Thank you.

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Response to Submission 504 (Patrick Woodbury, September 14, 2011)

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**504-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-9.

Submission 257 (Janet E. Young, UC Merced, September 14, 2011)

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THANK YOU FOR THE THOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS AND THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO COMMENT. I AM PLEASED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENT ON BEHALF OF  
THE UC MERCED CAMPUS. THE CAMPUS SUPPORTS THE A-2 ALIGNMENT

257-2

BETWEEN MERCED + FRESNO. WE BELIEVE THAT A-2 IS THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY  
APPROPRIATE ROUTE AND MINIMIZES IMPACT TO AG LAND. WE SUPPORT AN AT-GRADE

257-3

ENTRANCE INTO MERCED AND FOR THE STATION. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE  
RAIL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE UP AND BURLINGTON NORTHERN LINES  
SHOULD BE TREATED AS PART OF THE LONG TERM RAIL PROJECT TO SACRAMENTO  
AND AS SUCH, SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE COST PACKAGE  
ASSOCIATED WITH CONNECTING TO THE CASCADIA COMMERCE CENTER AND THE  
CONTAINER SITES FOR THE HEAVY MAINTENANCE FACILITY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

JANET E. YOUNG, ASSOCIATE CHANCELLOR  
UC MERCED



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Response to Submission 257 (Janet E. Young, UC Merced, September 14, 2011)

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**257-1**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

**257-2**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-10.

**257-3**

See MF-Response-GENERAL-20.